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## UNDER THE PUNKAH.

By J. PENN.

I see a lot of space is being taken up in the paper by letters to the Editor on the question of high rents. I must confess I have not been able to follow the arguments on either side very closely, for it all seems as bewildering as the controversy about silver and paper dollars. Of course, I am all for bringing down everything but salaries, and any scheme to increase income and reduce expenditure will have my hearty support.

Many years ago I remember visiting an old temple in Canton, and was told it was hundreds of years old, and had had nothing done to it in the way of repairs or extensions since it was first built. I think my landlord must be a lineal descendant of the cove who built that temple, for nothing has been done to my domicile since it was first considered able to stand alone without being propped up with bamboo scaffolding.

Then about this china question. Mrs. Bottletwaite says she is sick and tired of buying plates, cups, saucers, and what-not, and in future will use only enamel-ware for table use except when she has company. Mrs. B. declares she has the champion china-smasher in the Colony in her employ, and suspects that he works in conjunction with a friend who owns a factory where chinaware is made, but this suspicion has not been fully confirmed.

They sat together, holding hands, Ah, wistful were their faces, Till Bill shot like without a word, For Ike's hand held five aces.

The festive season is now at hand, and once more proof will be available of the assertion that Christmas comes but once a year. As most of my readers are probably aware, there is a common saying to this effect, but it is not so generally known that I have kept careful watch on the progress of events for close upon seventy years, and have found that, without exception, even in leap year, Christmas does in fact come but once a year.

Although nobody has ever made a song about it, Easter also comes but once a year—a striking coincidence to which attention does not appear to have been called hitherto. At this time of year you frequently hear people say, rather apologetically:—"Ah, well; it's only once a year!" just as if every other annual event in the calendar does not also come round once a year. Anyhow, the time has arrived to think about new frocks for Christmas parties, and new clothes

for other occasions. Smart women will be seen with a new type of muff this winter, so I learn from a London paper, but whether he will be a husband, fiancé, or just a boy-friend is not stated. Smart women who are also wise have already taken to wearing heavier pearls at evening parties, for at no season is there such danger of catching cold than at this time of year.

The bathing belles of Repulse Bay and Castle Peak are muffled now, but the new fashions, though effective, are quite simple, as you will see from the following:—

Mabel's frock is simply it,  
Simply lined with fur.  
Mother's coat is simply great,  
Simply made for her.  
Simple satin, simply sewn,  
Simply thrills sweet Hetty.  
Simply gorgeous is the gown,  
That simply shines on Letty.  
Father simply has a fit  
When he views the frills,  
But father simply doesn't count—  
He simply pays the bills!

"Griffin" writes asking for a cure for chilblains. I have much pleasure in giving him one, and would add that the remedy is equally effective in cases of prickly heat. Take a pint of perfectly clean cold water, put in bright copper or enamel saucepan, and allow to simmer gently over a slow fire until reduced to a gill. Skim off the fat very carefully with a bone spoon, and put aside in cool place. When quite cold make this into a couple of pills, and take one just after getting off to sleep and another just before awakening. If more pills are required, repeat the process already described. Don't thank me; you're welcome.

I understand from some of my young friends that, although many people may be feeling very merry and bright, for others this is a most doleful time of year—owing to exams. Deeply touched by grievous complaints made to me of difficult questions put to my young friends, I have drawn up what they agree is a really model examination-paper, which should be taken as a standard for examiners to work by:—

What tramway runs up the Peak?  
What was it who wrote "Pickwick Papers," by Charles Dickens?  
What countries were engaged in the Russo-Japanese War?  
What is the shape of a circle?  
Who invented the Ford car?  
In what year did the typhoon of 1926 take place?  
How many sides has a triangle?  
Who delivered Mark Anthony's address over the body of Caesar?

Where is St. Paul's Cathedral, London?  
How long did the 40-year war last?

What steamboat service runs between Hong Kong and Kowloon?

Who was Premier when Gladstone was Prime Minister?  
How many sides has a square?

What is Gorgonzola noted for?

The driver of a taxicab in Bombay waited five days on the quay, with his meter running, because his fare went away in a ship without paying him. The police found that the driver's licence had expired during those five days, and so arrested him and charged him with driving without a licence. He had eaten and slept in the car, and had expressed his intention of remaining where he was till his fare returned. The only hope now is that the honest fellow may have a son old enough to carry on his work.

One of my friends on the Peak has just acquired a new car. (In Kowloon they only "buy" cars, or hire "em.") It is a wonderful machine. It has a long engine, due to the arrangement of the six (or is it sixteen?) cylinders, and it makes a terrific screeching noise. The idea of this is to atone for the absence of a horn. It is steered by a tiller, connected with small rudders fitted to the rear wheels, so that all turning movements start with the back wheels, thus having the effect of a brake. The lamps, which are only a few inches of the ground, throw a powerful light upwards, and reflect in a large mirror the road in front, the reverse way round. The windscreen is fitted with an adjustable bucket to catch rain during the wet season, and there are fourteen superchargers, side by side, under the bonnet-box. The coachwork is of bellium, and has a sliding panel let into it which communicates with the dummy radiator. The gear-box is of mica, and is held together by strong steel pins. The lubrication is single-top, two-shot. The mascot is a small model in silver of that famous pony—but no! If I were to tell you the name, you would probably put some money on that pony next time it runs, and if it doesn't win you would blame me!

Visitor (at a Scottish football game): Why don't they start? They should have kicked off an hour ago.  
Scotty: Aye, something serious has happened.  
Visitor: No one hurt, was there?  
Scotty: Worse than that. They canna find the penny they tossed up wi'.

Wah Yan College, Tenth Anniversary Dinner, 7.30 p.m.  
Police Dept. Carnival Dance, Lane Crawford's restaurant, 8.30 p.m.  
H.K. University Amateur Photographic Club Exhibition, 9 p.m.  
Philharmonic Society presents "The Geisha" Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.  
Queen's Theatre: "Through Different Eyes."  
World Theatre: "Honeymoon" and at 2.30 and 7.15 "Clean Souls" Chinese picture.  
Star Theatre: "Phyllis of the Follies."  
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.  
Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.  
Tides:—High, 8.57 a.m. and 7.59 p.m.; Low, 2.40 a.m. and 1.43 p.m.  
European Mails:—Inward: Europe via Negapatam, papers only (Suisse).  
Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Hakone Maru), 9.30 a.m.; Europe via Siberia (Teuer), 10.30 a.m.

## Diary of Coming Events.

To-day,  
(December 14.)

Ember Day.  
Bazaar, Diocesan Girls' School, 3 p.m.

Cricket:—League, Division I: H.K.C.C. v. University, Navy v. C.R.C., C.C.C. v. Army, Div. II: I.R.C. v. K.C.C., R.A.S.C. v. C.C.C. v. Friends Division I: K.C.C. v. I.R.C. C.S.C.C. v. Hermes. Division II: R.E. & S. v. R.A. Police v. C.S.C.C., University v. H.K.C.C. Football:—Lai Wah Cup Final: Army v. Civilian, Junior Division, K.O.S.B. v. Eastern, South China "A" v. Chinese "B", Ewo v. R.A.M.C., University v. South China "B", Recreio v. Club, Chinese "A" v. Navy, St. Joseph's v. Kowloon.

R.E.'s Whist drive Wellington Barracks, 8.30 p.m.  
Philharmonic Society presents "The Geisha" Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Queen's Theatre: "White Shadows of the South Seas."  
World Theatre: "The Gate Crasher."  
Star Theatre: "The Sin Sister."  
Ten Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.  
Carnival Dance: Peninsula Hotel at 8.30 p.m.  
Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.

Tides:—High, 7.34 a.m. and 7.19 p.m.; Low, 1.58 a.m. and 1.11 p.m.

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Sunday,  
(December 15.)

Third Sunday in Advent.  
Golf: Semi-finals of Championship.  
Queen's Theatre: "Through Different Eyes."  
World Theatre: "Honeymoon" and at 2.30 and 7.15 "Clean Souls" Chinese picture.  
Star Theatre: "Phyllis of the Follies."  
Tea Dances: Repulse Bay Hotel, 4.30 p.m.  
Tides:—High, 8.57 a.m. and 7.59 p.m.; Low, 2.40 a.m. and 1.43 p.m.  
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Monday,  
(December 16.)

Auction: Lammer Bros. Miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.  
Sale of Crown Land, Inland Lots No. 2991, New Kowloon Inland Lots Nos. 1290 and 1291, P.W.D. offices, 3 p.m.  
H.K. Benevolent Society Bridge and Mahjong Drive Helena May Institute.  
Opening Ceremony Ried Hall, 4 p.m.  
Mrs. Suiter's pupils, pianoforte recital St. Andrew's Church Hall, 5 p.m.

Wah Yan College, Tenth Anniversary Dinner, 7.30 p.m.  
Police Dept. Carnival Dance, Lane Crawford's restaurant, 8.30 p.m.  
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Star Theatre: "Phyllis of the Follies."  
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.  
Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.  
Tides:—High, 8.59 a.m. and 8.41 p.m.; Low, 3.32 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday,  
(December 17.)

Queen's Theatre: "Through Different Eyes."  
World Theatre: "Waning Sex" and at 2.30 and 7.15 "Clean Souls" Chinese picture.  
Star Theatre: "Moana."  
Philharmonic Society presents "The Geisha" Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.  
Tea Dances: Hong Kong and Peninsula Hotels, 5 p.m.  
Dinner Dances: Hong Kong, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m.  
Tides:—High, 11 a.m. and 9.24 p.m.; Low, 4.17 a.m. and 2.58 p.m.

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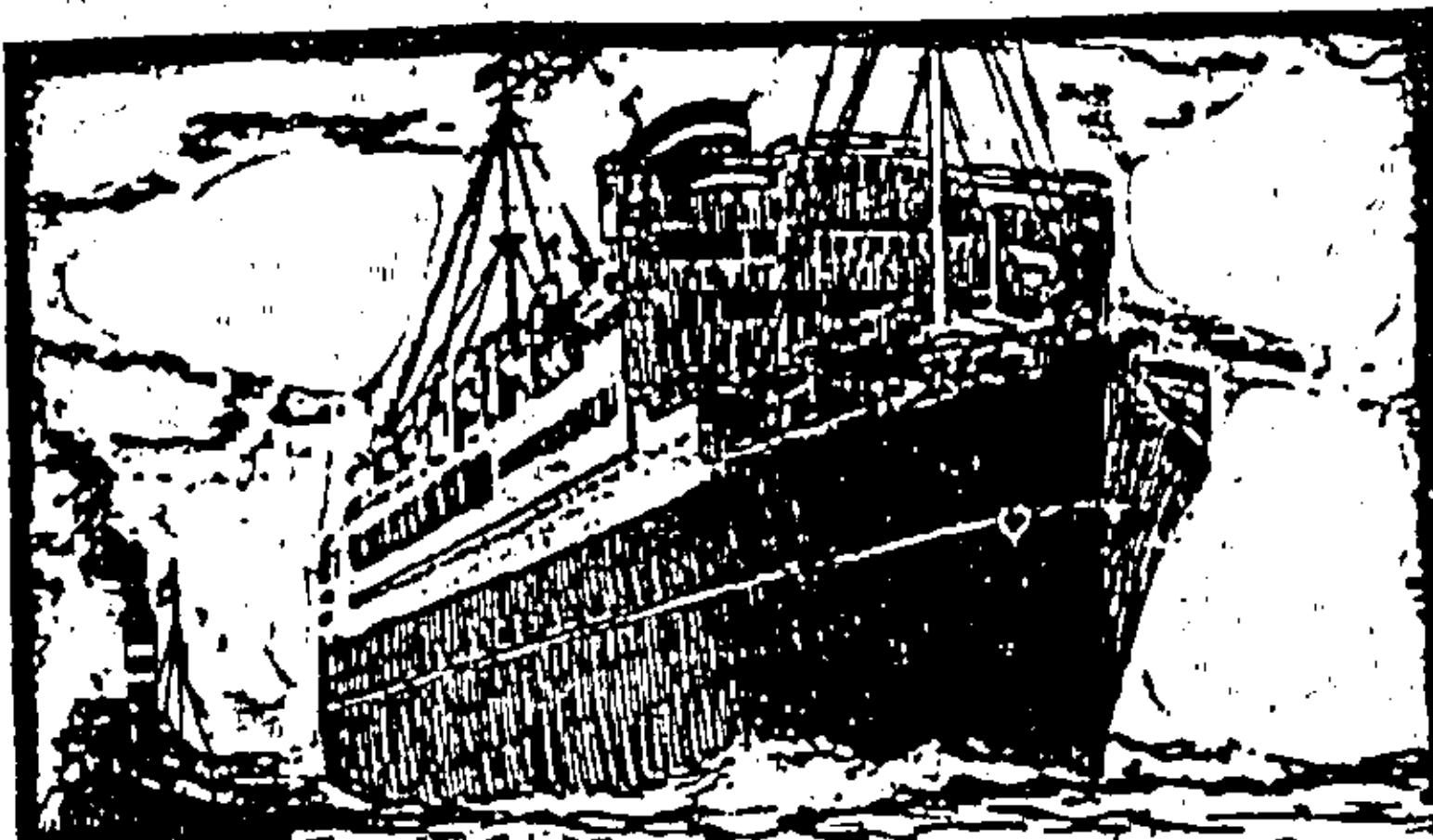
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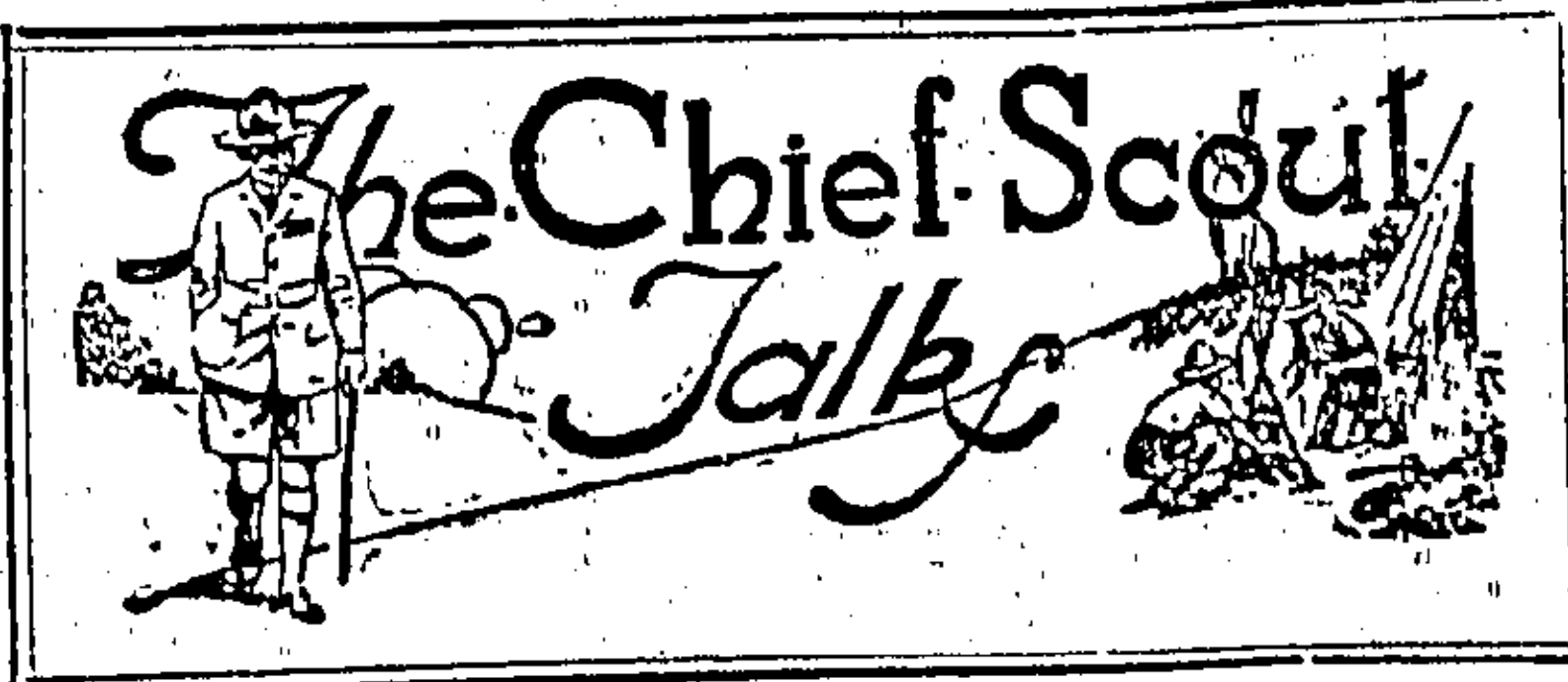
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### STALKING IN THE DARK.

(BY LIEUT.-GENERAL LORD BADEN-POWELL.)

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During the Great War Commanding Officers at the front used to say to me that they found soldiers who had been Boy Scouts were specially useful for trench warfare, because they knew how to hide themselves and how to creep about in the dark without losing themselves.

In war, as you know, most of the work of raiding and attacking is done by night in order to avoid being seen by the enemy.

One officer who had used old Boy Scouts for this work was at his wits' end when he tried to use other soldiers—they were so clumsy. He was only happy again when he found among his men one who had been a burglar—and he made a first-class scout!



"Knew how to hide themselves and how to creep about in the dark."

But to be able to get about by night requires a great deal of practice, and lots of fellows lost their way, and in consequence lost their lives, by starting out on night raids thinking they could do it all right without ever having tried it before.

They were like the man who, when asked if he could play the fiddle, said that he had no doubt he could because other people seemed to be able to do it, though he had never tried it himself!

Going about in the dark is very much like what a blind man has to do, and you will soon find—as he does—that you want two brains instead of one, to be working at the same time.

#### The Second Brain.

For instance, if you were sent off now with a message, you would go

by the road that you know and can see, and your mind is busy remembering the message that you have to give. But with a blind man it is different. He has not only to think of the message, but he wants a second brain to think out the road that he is taking, and to think of all to remember every landmark by which he feels his way.

So you will understand that a simple expedition like that is twice as difficult for a man who cannot see.

Well, if you are out on a dark night to perform a duty, you are in much the same position as the blind man. Your brain is thinking of the duty to be done, you are trying to keep hidden from the "enemy" and to find out where he is, but you want also another brain to be helping you to note carefully your direction by the stars, compass, or landmarks, so that you do not lose your way.

A fellow who does a lot of such work in the dark gradually gets his second brain, but it does not come all at once, and means a considerable amount of practice at first.

#### The Blind Man's "Touch."

One way of carrying out such exercise is to put on dark spectacles and carry out your scouting work as if by night, seeing only very dimly through them.

Another way is to practise for yourself by going about your work, without opening your eyes, for five or ten minutes every now and then.

In this way you will gradually get to understand how it is that blind men are so wonderfully clever with their feeling of touch and hearing.

You soon begin to get some of this cleverness yourself, and you will find it of tremendous use to you if you ever come to do scout work by night, as I have done many times on service.

But don't forget that it wants continual practice. I even practise it myself, for when I get up in the early morning before daylight, I never light any lamp but dress in the dark and find my way about the house by feeling and guess-work.

Try it when the mornings are dark, and you will not only be saving light for your family but you will be learning a bit of really useful Scouting.

### CHINESE LITIGANTS IN SHANGHAI.

#### NEW THREE TRIAL SYSTEM.

Nanking, Dec. 8.—Pursuant to a petition from the Shanghai Bar Association, the Executive Yuan in an order issued to the Kiangsu Provincial Government instructs that for all cases coming under the jurisdiction of the Shanghai Provisional Court which involve only Chinese litigants but do not affect the status of the Shanghai International Settlement, the three-trial system should be immediately enforced in accordance with the new Chinese judiciary system.

The order points out that inasmuch as such cases concern only Chinese, the enforcement of the system will be in no way incompatible with the Rendition Agreement which expressly provides that all laws now in force in the country shall also be applicable in the Provisional Court. Moreover, there can be no reason why the Chinese citizens residing in the International Settlement should be deprived of the benefit of a second appeal as provided by the Law of the country.

### CHURCH NOTICES.

#### ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL, HONG KONG.

DECEMBER 15, 1929: 3rd Sunday in Advent.  
Holy Communion at 8 a.m.  
Holy Communion (Peak Church) at 8 a.m.  
Children's Service at 10 a.m.  
Sunday School at Peak School at 10 a.m.  
Matins and Sermon at 11 a.m.  
Preacher—The Dean.  
Holy Communion at 12.15 p.m.  
Evensong at 6 p.m.  
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SUNDAY SERVICE, December 15, 1929, at 11.15 a.m.—

Subject—GOD THE PRESERVER OF MAN.

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### HONG KONG SCOUTS.

#### COMING-OF-AGE CELEBRATION.

The Scouts Association of Hong Kong is holding a coming-of-age concert and display (under the distinguished patronage of H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) at the Theatre Royal on Saturday, December 21.

Early in the year (writes Mr. Courtenay-E. Sayer) we had hopes of being able to stage an open-air spectacle, somewhat on the lines of the Jamboree held at Arrowe Park in August. Owing to transport difficulties, and the fact that a suitable ground could not be found, together with the question of finance, we decided to hold an indoor show, to let the public see a few of the things we practise in our spare time.

The main object of the concert is to raise funds to complete the purchase of our new training-centre at Saiwan Bay. This training-centre fills a long-delayed necessity for the production of all that is best in Scouting.

A fairly varied programme has been arranged by the Groups, showing the lighter side of Sea Scout work in the form of sea shanties, etc., other groups contributing equally scintillating items. The second half of the programme will be a combined effort, in the form of the play "Robin Hood." Much difficulty has been experienced during the course of rehearsing this play, partly owing to the language obstacles, partly to other unavoidable reasons, but I can safely say that a very creditable show will be the outcome of our labours.

#### "PASTIME OF THE IDLE RICH."

DEAN INGE ON MODERN LICENCE.

#### OUR CORRUPTED LITERATURE.

Preaching the University sermon at Cambridge recently, Dean Inge uttered an indictment of this "period of licence." Adultery, he said, might be the pastime of the idle rich, but the very idea of it ought no more to occur to their minds than the idea of forging a cheque.

Periods of Puritanism and of licence seemed to alternate, said the Dean. We were now in a period of licence in which the principles which had held society together since a time earlier than the dawn of history were too often set aside as irrational taboos. And yet no nation had ever prospered in which family life had not been held sacred.

Our imaginative literature was now deeply corrupted, and there was nothing which Englishmen had more reason to thank God for than the purity and wholesomeness of English fiction from Sir Walter Scott to Anthony Trollope. It was true that the Romantic movement exaggerated the part which sex played in a normal human life. In the new books the element of sex was much more exaggerated and degraded to rank sensuality. This was not high art, and it was not a true picture of human life. It was just commercialised literature and prostitution of the intellect.

Christianity and Politics.

Listen, said the Dean, to the instructions given by an American editor to his authors: "Here's a man and his wife and another man; write about them, and let the shadow of the bed be on every page, but never let the bed appear."

The Dean declared that he did not think that as Christians they were bound to attach themselves to one political party rather than another. Historically it was quite untrue that Christ came to preach an economic revolution. The Gospel was a message of spiritual redemption, not of social reform. He strongly deprecated the violent language often used about our industrial civilisation, which, with all its faults, was so far the highest achievement of co-operative effort on a large scale.

It was not true to say, with an American writer, that revolution was the Christian business. Such exaggerated language was foolish, unjust, and mischievous. The large majority of business men lived not by robbing their fellows but by serving them. He was convinced that although the Gospel refused to give them any ruling about distribution it had a great deal to teach them about consumption.

He also thought that the importance of right spending had been much under-estimated by social reformers. If they thought more frequently what their money was worth in terms of human labour—if they remembered that to waste 10s. was to render nugatory a whole honest day's work by somebody else—then a great deal of vulgar and wasteful expenditure would be stopped.



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London.—Miss Charlotte Keeling, M.R., and Mrs. Mary Louise Piercy, Labour, have been nominated to fill the vacancy in the representation of South Kensington on the London County Council caused by the death of Mr. F. E. Williams.

Islington.—A verdict of "Death by misadventure" was returned at an inquest at Islington on the body of Mrs. Alice Charlotte De Val, 31, of King Henry's-walk, Islington, who died in the local infirmary nine days after being bitten on the chin by an insect.

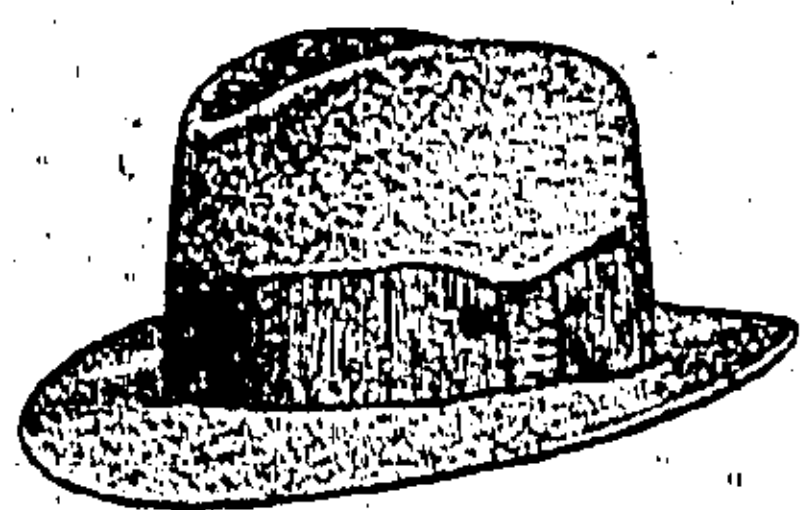






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## "GOD, PAIN AND IMMORTALITY."

THE DEBATE ON "PAIN" WHICH RUNS THROUGH  
THE BIBLE.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF MARTYRDOM.

CANON STREETER'S ABLE DISCOURSE  
AT CATHEDRAL HALL.

Canon Streeter gave a very able address yesterday, before a large audience at St. John's Cathedral Hall, on the subject of "God, Pain and Immortality." "I do not propose," said the speaker, "to put forward any new solution of my own of the problem of pain, but to call your attention to the long debate on the subject that runs through the Bible."

The address in this form was more than ordinarily interesting and gave enlightenment on many points which have puzzled both believers and non-believers with regard to the problem of the reconciliation of pain and suffering with the belief in "One God and He good."

The Bishop of Victoria (the Right Reverend C. Duppuy), introduced Canon Streeter. "We had been fortunate," he said, "in having in the last three years visits from three eminent Christian preachers, the Bishop of London, Miss Maud Royden, and now Canon Streeter. These visits tend to keep us in touch with the larger Christian movements and are a real stimulus."

## "ONE GOD, AND HE GOOD."

Canon Streeter began by saying that in the evening he was to speak about the conflict of science and religion. Apart from that question the most difficult of all problems was if one could reconcile the fact of pain with belief in a benevolent divine providence—"one God and He good." The problem of evil was from the intellectual point of view less pressing than the problem of good, it was more easy to explain the evil in the world in the hypothesis that there was no benevolent God, than to explain the good in the world on the hypothesis that there was no God. "I do not propose," the speaker continued, "to put forward any new solution of my own of the problem of pain, but to call your attention to the long debate on the subject that runs through the Bible." There were, he said, certain special reasons which made this question one which pressed particularly strongly on the leaders of Hebrew religious thought. For more than 700 years before the birth of Christ there were only short intervals during which the Jews were not under the heel of some great and cruel world empire. The methods of rule of these barbarians were oppressive and unjust and the Hebrews gained an acute experience of the fact of evil.

Earlier than any other race they had arrived at the idea of One God and He good. Pain and evil were, the speaker continued, only a problem if you held such a belief; they existed in any case, but it was hard to understand why they existed if you believed in one benevolent God. If there were many gods some good and some evil, or no God at all there was no reason to suppose that everything should work out for good or for human happiness.

## Group, or Family Responsibility.

Because they had this idea of one God and He good the first solution of the problem clearly formulated by the prophet Amos, who was the first to set down his philosophy in writing, was that the great calamities, famine, oppression, etc., were a punishment for sins committed. At this period the Hebrews were still in that stage of development when men thought of the tribe or family as the unit of moral responsibility. There were stories in these earlier Biblical writings which showed that the Jews believed it to be in accordance with justice that the descendants of a man who had done wrong should be punished—that the sins of the fathers should be visited on the children, and of the ruler on his people. The problem of reconciliation of God and pain was then simple.

## Reward and Punishment Proportionate to Deserts.

The second stage was reached at the beginning of the Babylonish exile. In Jeremiah it was written "In those days they shall no more say the fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge." The individual was responsible, not the family or group. Ezekiel took up that point and elaborated it. "Behold all souls are mine: the soul that sins, it shall die." He proceeded then to work out that idea in detail, and the general moral of his teaching was that reward and punishment were proportionate to the deserts of each man. This philosophy was an advance in the analysis of the problem of pain, for Ezekiel asserts that the moral responsibility is with the individual, not with the group, but his conclusion that in this world a man automatically gets what he deserves was not borne out by the facts of life—and the book of Job was written as a criticism of the views expressed by Ezekiel.

## Job, a Poetic Drama.

The main point to grasp about the book of Job, said the speaker, was that it was a poetic drama, a problem play—like some of the great Greek tragedies or Goethe's "Faust." It discusses in dramatic form a fundamental moral issue.

The first scene was in heaven, a reception at the Divine Court, at which Satan was present, not as the opponent of God but as His chief detective officer. The character of Job was stated, giving the key to the plot of the whole drama. Satan says "it pays him to be good," and the point there raised, was important for, if in life prosperity was always the accompaniment of virtue and misfortune of vice honesty would no longer be honesty but merely policy. Satan is then in the next act allowed to bring on Job a series of crushing misfortunes, but Job's reaction to them is the reverse of what Satan said it would be. There follows another reception in the Divine Court and Job's conduct is reported upon. Satan says "You have only touched his property, touch him himself," and is given permission to afflict Job with boils.

The third act takes place on earth again, and shows the visit of Job's three friends. They say "God is just and therefore you must have done something wrong to be so punished." Then follows a dialogue in which the friends ram home their point and Job answers every one with the same words, "No, I have done nothing to deserve this."

In the marvellous description of the wonder, beauty and majesty of the created universe which follows no argument is attempted, but the impression left upon the mind is that the power responsible for all this must be right, though the intellect of man cannot understand how.

## "Whom the Lord Loveth He Chasteneth."

That, said Canon Streeter, closed the first chapter of the debate which explained pain as penalty for sin. The next chapter attempted to find a different explanation and two were put forward, one in Proverbs, "Whom the Lord loveth he reproveth," and the second in the 33rd chapter of Isaiah. The Christian Church had always seen in this chapter a portrait painted hundreds of years before of the life and character of Jesus. Modern scholars regarded it as a poem on the problem "why do the righteous suffer?" Both these solutions were, he thought, partly correct. In a flash of insight Isaiah had got down to a fundamental principle of life which was later expressed in the life and character of Jesus, what he would call "the philosophy of martyrdom."

## The Philosophy of Martyrdom.

It was a fact, said Canon Streeter, that in all ages in all places the progress of humanity had been bought at the cost of the blood and tears of the finest of the race. The discoverer of new truth, the champion of righteousness was commonly treated as an enemy of his kind. Abuse and at times death had been his reward, though years later people had "built monuments to the man their fathers stoned." It was only at a fairly late stage in his history that the Hebrews came to have belief in a better life beyond the grave. Obviously that belief had an important bearing on the problem of pain because it carried it into a larger field. If this life were only the first act of a play, we could not expect to find the meaning and solution of everything quite clear; it would not be a good play if everything were clear and the whole plot revealed.

## The Pain of the Innocent.

Old fallacies died hard and the notion that misfortune was a penalty was still alive at the time of Christ. A question involving both issues of this belief was put to Him "Did this man sin or his parents that he was born blind?" Christ answered neither, and on another occasion raised the same question by reference to the tower of Siloam, and again answered it in the negative. In the Sermon on the Mount He said, "He maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good."

Christ's own life raised the problem of pain and the innocent. It was not surprising that a large part of the New Testament was a reflection on the meaning of the Cross of Christ, and this reflection followed three main lines.

First that God, in the New Testament, was not a mere onlooker of the world's pain, but through the cross entered into it. Secondly, the suggestion of the 33rd chapter of Isaiah—the philosophy of martyrdom—was worked out in the particular case of Christ. Thirdly, that suffering faced in the right spirit might be made fruitful, and fertilise the soul by an inward experience.

## "By Suffering He Was Made Perfect."

Canon Streeter then went on to amplify these three themes. The conception of God in the Old Testament was, he said, far removed from the philosophical conception of God in Greek, and to some extent in Indian thought, of a passionless remote entity. God of the Old Testament was very full of life, suffering was not a thing wholly external to Him and in some sense He shared it. "In all their afflictions He was afflicted," said Isaiah. The Cross of Christ was the expression in time of something eternal in the experience of God.

The real meaning of the Atonement was obscured for the modern reader because it is stated in terms of sacrificial rites, which for more than a thousand years have been unfamiliar to the minds of people in Europe. But to the Jews blood was the symbol of life and the shedding of blood meant the offering of the sacrifice of life. The death of Christ was the logical consequence of a complete offering of His will to God, the expression of the philosophy of martyrdom. St. Paul though in one sense he regarded it as unique, did not regard it as different in kind from the heroic actions of other men who made sacrifices for a good cause.

In the epistle to the Hebrews, St. Paul quotes "Whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth," and he proceeds to apply it to the case of Christ who, he says, learnt obedience by suffering. "He was made perfect by suffering." That clearly implied that Christ did not reach the full maturity of his moral stature, as man, apart from this experience. The fact that it was stated in that way was interesting. There was a good deal of cant talked about the good of suffering which though true in one sense was untrue in another.

## Suffering and Character.

Suffering did not in itself elevate character, apart from the way in which it was faced. The animal reaction to pain was resentment, depression and deterioration; but man was more than animal and it was open to him to react in a super-animal way, and only then did suffering become a thing which purified the soul and ennobled the character. This super-animal reaction had been in all ages the tradition of the soldier, and the

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inevitable condition of loyal service. The analogy between the soldier and the Christian was found in the New Testament; by the way in which He faced suffering Christ was made perfect.

Christ healed disease, proving that He did not think pain of itself to be a good thing, but the power to react to suffering in the super-animal way was two-thirds of what was meant by "the Grace of God." To endure with cheerfulness was easier when doing a heroic action, or when it was a duty, but it was far more difficult to endure the kind of suffering which incapacitated for work and made the sufferer a burden to others. But history had shown that it was possible and a person who had overcome pain was a focus of inspiration.

## LECTURE AT ST. JOHN'S HALL.

At St. John's Hall, Hong Kong University, last night, Canon Streeter spoke on "Religion and Science in Conflict." Mr. S. I. Boxer was in the chair, and a fair number of students, men and women were present.

The speaker gave his lecture under three main headings, viz., "Science a result of Enquiry," "Religion and Science in Conflict," and "Materialism." After the lecture, Canon Streeter in answer to a question put by one of the audience, intimated that his lectures would soon be available in book form, "by means of which the lectures could be fully digested."

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## CANTON VICTORY CLAIMS.

HUGE NUMBERS OF PRISONERS.

INVADING ARMY DISPERSED.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Dec. 13.

The "Ironsides" are retreating towards the northern part of Kwangtung and will probably try to rally at Ching Yuen, Yuen Tan and Chung Fa. The Canton Higher Command is not making any serious attempt to pursue the enemy at present, being too busy with the reorganisation of its own men. Meanwhile the aeroplanes are reconnoitring the movements of the enemy, dropping bombs as usual.

With the lifting of the "Ironside" Kwangsi menace, Canton is itself again safe and the tense anxiety of the earlier part of the week, is rapidly dying down. Martial law is not nearly so rigidly enforced and street traffic was allowed up to 10 o'clock. A couple of days ago when the situation was at its worst no civilians were permitted on the streets after 7.30. Public confidence in the men now in power is reflected in the steady rise in value of the Central Bank of China notes. During the first part of this week, the Government banknotes were quoted around 59 cents to the paper dollar. To-day they are at 70 per cent. A considerable amount of speculation is going on, and the value of these once badly depreciated banknotes is expected to climb still further.

## SPOILS OF WAR.

Large quantities of arms and ammunition captured from the enemy are being brought back to Canton from Sun Kai and the West River. These include several thousand rifles and a large number of machine guns. The number of prisoners, according to an official statement published to-day, is well over 3,000, of whom 3,000 have been brought back to Canton and the rest will follow. The majority of these prisoners are Kwangsi men from the army of Wong Kuen, who were captured on the North River front. Practically all the prisoners have a lean, hungry and unkempt appearance. Their hair and beards were long. When asked about this, they said that their superiors told them that the best place for haircutting and shaving was Canton and that they must fight their way there to have it done! They are getting their hair cut and beards shaved off in Canton all right!

## RELATIVE LOSSES.

According to Mr. Au Fang Po, director of the Department of Political Tutelage of the 8th Military Route Headquarters, the number of "Ironsides" taking part in this last drive on Canton was over 10,000. The number who fell was over 3,000. General Chen Tsai Tong lost about 2,500 men. The enemy's loss does not, however, include the Kwangsi troops under Li Tsung Jen, Wong Shiu Hung, and Pei Chung Hsi on the lower reaches of the North River, above Samshui. Mr. Au stated that the entire Kwangsi force under these men attempted to cross the North River at two points as a part of the general campaign. Their immediate objectives were Chak Nai, Pei Nai, and Lo Bow. But General Chen Tsai Tong's defence lines held, and after two days' fighting, the Kwangsi rebels were driven back with heavy loss. The number of Kwangsi men killed and wounded in these places, according to Mr. Au, is over 3,000. The number of Cantonese killed and wounded is insignificant as compared with those of the enemy. The Kwangsi attack from the West River was personally directed by Wong Shiu Hung, Pei Chung Hsi and Li Tsung Jen.

## POPULAR JUBILATION.

The Canton authorities are very jubilant over their victories. Automobiles belonging to different Government and Kuomintang bodies were parading through the principal thoroughfares in Canton yesterday afternoon, setting off fire crackers and distributing handbills to the populace telling the tale of the victory. The Kuomintang is planning to stage a popular celebration in the near future, and every public organisation in the city will be asked to take part.

## SILK CARGO STOLEN.

THEFT ON EMPRESS OF ASIA.

JAPANESE VICTIMISED.

According to a report made to the Police yesterday, a Japanese merchant, Mr. H. Koga, who was travelling second class on the Empress of Asia from Japan to Manila, has been the victim of a robbery which took place while the vessel was in Hong Kong on Thursday.

The report stated that Mr. Koga on arrival at Hong Kong came ashore to visit a compatriot, and left four rattan baskets containing expensive silk clothing in his cabin. On his return the baskets were missing.

The contents of the basket were valued by Mr. Koga at \$7,000. In making the report to the Police, the fact that some Chinese shared the cabin with Mr. Koga was pointed out to the authorities, and attention was drawn to the possibility of the baskets having been removed by mistake. It is felt, however, that there could not have been any mistake and that some thieves have been at work.

## A CARGO OF HEROIN PILLS.

HIDDEN ON JUNK IN TYPHOON SHELTER.

Acting on information received, the Police yesterday carried out a raid on a cargo junk which was lying at anchor in the Yaumati Typhoon Shelter.

A search revealed the presence of a large cargo of heroin pills cleverly hidden in the stern of the junk. The seizure is valued at several thousand dollars and is one of the largest hauls in recent years. The mistress of the junk will probably be charged this morning or on Monday before the Kowloon Magistrate.

## HAICHING PIRACY.

FOUR MORE DISCHARGED FROM HOSPITAL.

Four of the twenty injured who were still at the Government Civil Hospital on Thursday suffering from wounds received in the course of the attempted piracy on the Haiching, were discharged yesterday. Except for three of the injured, all the patients are making good progress.

## PENANG TURF CLUB DONATIONS.

With their customary generosity the Penang Turf Club has decided to give away nearly \$10,000 in donations to deserving charitable institutions. Apart from purely local institutions the following will benefit:—The Ross Institute for Tropical Diseases, Fresh Air Fund, Barnardo's Homes and the Children's Aid Society. The Penang Convent and the Po Leong Kuk each receive \$2,000.

## THE OFFICIAL REPORT.

The following is a translation of the official report of the recent victory:—

"The Kwangsi and Chang Fat Fui rebels crossed the North River at Ching Yuen, Pei Miu, Pa Kong, and Wang Shek and made a drive on Canton. Our troops met and fought them for three consecutive days and nights, the battle raging furiously from the 8th of December to this morning (Friday). We have succeeded in putting the enemy to flight, capturing large quantities of arms, ammunitions and supplies. The number of prisoners taken exceeds 10,000. The larger part of Chang Fat Fui's force has been annihilated. It is not known whether Chang Fat Fui is still alive. Some say he was killed in action, others state that he was among the prisoners. We are investigating the matter. Over one half of the Kwangsi rebels have been killed and wounded. The rest dispersed in confusion, and can no longer be called an army. In a few days all these rebels will be rounded up."

"It was a crucial battle between the Revolutionists and counter-revolutionists. Our soldiers, inspired by the word of Dr. Sun in Heaven, and the dignity of the Central Government, fought bravely and won the conflict. The enemy is now being hotly pursued, and steps are being taken to relieve the sufferings of the people in the war area."

(Signed) Ho Ying Ching,  
CHEN TSUI TONG,  
CHU SHIA ANSON.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

EXTORTIONATE LANDLORDS.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I have followed with the liveliest interest the pros and cons of the discussion in your columns relating to the Rent Problem in this Colony. In the light of my own experience, I can well appreciate the arguments brought forward by "Supporter of Rent Problem Committee" to the effect that it is high time to call a halt to the exploitation of unreasonably high rents in Hong Kong.

If I may have a little of your valuable space, let me have the pleasure of citing a few instances by way of illustrating the vagaries of the "speculative and heartless landlords."

Not so long ago a Chinese druggist whose head office is doing an extensive business in Canton, desired to establish a branch, desiring to acquire the right premises. After having secured the right premises, he spent from \$4,000 to \$5,000 for the requisite decorations and furnishings, and interior of all Chinese druggists. Before he had a chance to commence operations, the landlord came forward with a proposal to raise the rent by 60 per cent, with the result that the business had to be abandoned.

Take as another example, a certain department store near the World Theatre, on Des Voeux Road. When the lease for the old premises was about to expire the landlord insisted, as condition for renewal, that the store in question agree to allow 20 per cent. reduction of prices for purchases made by his family in ordinary or special sales, and to pay a bonus to the landlord at the end of every financial year, so long as the renewed lease was operative. As a consequence, the store was forced to acquire a property of its own so as to get out of the stranglehold of the landlord.

I can multiply instance after instance, but I have time to quote just one more, and that is the classic example of the old premises of the Kum Ling Restaurant on the Whitty Street, near the tramway terminus. The landlord appeared to make such an absurd demand for high rent that the restaurant owner flatly refused to renew the old lease, and finally moved into the present premises. In the meantime the old premises have been vacant for the past few years, and up to comparatively recent date, the place was still unoccupied.—Yours, etc.,

VERITAS.

Hong Kong, Dec. 13.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—The new spokesman for the Rent Problem Committee in the person of "Fairness" has a big task before him, particularly if he wishes to vindicate his right to the pseudonym he has adopted. It is not disputed that he has shown remarkable fairness to the cause he has embraced, by totally omitting to consider the other side of the question. As regards landlords, any pretension to fairness has consisted of refraining to abuse them more than he has done.

A person holding himself out as a student of any problem must first rid himself of any opinion he has on the matter, and approach it wholly without bias. A student of the rent problem of Hong Kong ought thus to consider, not only the point of view of those who pay rent, but also that of those who hope to receive it. Any leaning to one side or the other must point to the mind of a bigot.

It appears that the members of the Rent Problem Committee are no further considering the problem of rent. They have already made up their minds; they have decided that rents have to be controlled, and their problem consists in thinking out the best way of doing so. If rent as an economic problem is really worrying them, why is it that no landlord has been asked his opinion? Is it not because the members of that Committee, self-appointed, are also self-satisfied?

The lot of the speculator in property is not such a happy one as has been depicted. It may be said that those who live by speculation die by speculation. Many are caught when reactions set in; and although there be few who take to the speculator it is difficult to see how those of his tribe may be completely eradicated without condemning the innocent with the guilty.

"Fairness" mentions that there are firms which can put up a hundred thousand dollars in fixtures, and yet apparently are not in a position to purchase their own premises. The more is the pity, for there is nothing which demonstrates the solidity of a business so much as ownership of an imposing building. Surely no sound business man would risk putting a lakh's worth of improvements in premises, the tenure of which is far from being secure? If the speculator could get a mortgage wherever with buy property, surely a genuine respectable business-man could do

## A "RED LIGHT" TRAGEDY.

GIRL WHOSE "REPUTATION" WAS DAMAGED.

PERSECUTION DRIVES HER TO SUICIDE.

An inquiry into the death of a young Chinese girl, an inmate of a "house" in Woosung Street, Xau-mati, who died at the Kwong Wah Hospital on October 13 from a dose of opium, was concluded before Mr. W. Schofield at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday. The jury returned a verdict of "death by suicide, following ill health, brought on to some extent by the persecution of a man named Lee."

A tragic and sordid story was revealed by friends of the deceased, and the annals of the "house."

## Made Her Will.

A waiter at a restaurant in Temple Street told the Court that the deceased came to him on the morning of the day she died and asked him to write out a document for her declaring that she was not indebted to anyone except her mistress and mah, to whom she owed some money, and in payment she would bequeath her furniture and electric fan to them in settlement.

## Her Reputation Ruined.

The waiter told her not to be silly whereupon the deceased told him that a certain man had promised to take her away from the "house," but her "reputation" had been ruined because another person had written to this man, informing him that she was in love with an actor—a very terrible accusation under the circumstances. She had always wanted to settle down but now her chance was spoiled. If she did not kill herself that night she would certainly do so the following morning.

The waiter went to her quarters the same afternoon and found her being attended to by a doctor.

## A Jealous Lover.

An amah of the place where the deceased lived said that the girl was frequently visited by a man named Lee. One night when the girl went out and did not return until morning the man became annoyed and broke the electric fan and table clock in her room. The deceased was frightened of this man and subsequently moved to another "house."

Another amah stated that the girl was frightened of the man Lee, who continually molested her. He was jealous of other men visiting the girl.

## A Rival Lover.

A Chinese clerk said that he knew the deceased. On October 11 he received a telephone message from a man named Lee who told him not to visit the deceased in future as she had not got "a very good character." Witness asked who he was and received a reply that they were "rivals in love." Later he received a letter from this man denouncing her as the lover of an actor. He took this letter to the deceased who explained that the writer had always wanted "to lower her reputation."

Det. Sergeant Fitches, the officer in charge of the case, told the Magistrate that the man named Lee could not be found and had apparently absconded. The jury without retiring returned the above verdict.

likewise, and prevent himself from being ousted? There are naturally speculators in trade too. It is perhaps those who can barely find sufficient capital to meet the demands of their bankers who have to depend on renting their where-withal to carry on their prowess. As what they have already in the gamble, the acquisition of premises is impossible.

Unless the Rent Problem Committee and their supporters can think of remedies of a more constructive nature and approach the matter of rents with less prejudice, it is not easy for them to refute a charge of "playing to the gallery."—Yours, etc.,

## COMMON SENSE.

Hong Kong, December 13.

## CHINA AND CHRISTIANITY.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—I was very interested in your representative's interview with Canon Streeter, when that gentleman expressed the view that Christianity could do a great deal towards solving China's problems. It is a pity, however, your representative did not put another question to the Canon:—"What is Christianity?" So many Japanese and Chinese have endeavoured to find out exactly what is meant by Christianity, and have been bewildered by the conflicting answers received from Christians who seem to have little in common but their contempt for all other religions.—Yours, etc.,

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## SOLDIER ON HOLIDAY.

STEALS WHILE HIS COMRADES FIGHT.

ALSO UNLUCKY IN LOVE!

A young man who described himself as Lieutenant of the Whampoa Military Academy, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday with stealing a quantity of jewellery worth \$210, the property of a resident of the Kum Toi Hotel, Nathan Road.

Another man was charged but subsequently discharged.

Detective Inspector Fallon told the Magistrate that the complainant who was an actor manager, and taken room in the Hotel. The defendant and the man discharged, occupied adjoining rooms. Early on Wednesday morning the complainant had occasion to leave his room, and on returning, he saw the defendant standing behind the door. He noticed at once that his jewellery was missing and had the defendant arrested.

At the Station nothing was found on the defendant but later the Police visited the Hotel and found the jewellery in the defendant's jacket which was in his room. The defendant had apparently made two trips and, had he not been so greedy he might have got away.

The two men had taken the room for the night but it was found that they had no money to pay for the bed, and the Hotel would have had to go without payment.

The defendant, said he was formerly a student in the Whampoa Academy and later graduated as a Lieutenant, after having held the rank of N.C.O. He then went to Shanghai as private secretary to Cheng Kai Chung, the former Magistrate of the Po On District. He was at one time private secretary to General Au Yeung Kiu, the Superintendent of the Canton Police.

He had received a letter a few days ago from his people in the country notifying him of his forthcoming wedding, which they had arranged for him. He had arrived from Shanghai with only a limited supply of money and had stolen the jewellery to enable him to return to the country.

The Magistrate pointed out to the defendant that he should have returned to Canton and to the front and distinguished himself in the war.

The defendant replied that he was on vacation from the army so that he could get married!

The Magistrate: I am afraid the wedding will have to be put off! Two months' hard labour.

## TOURIST SHIP STELLA POLARIS.

ARRIVING HERE ON DEC. 24.

WILL STAY FIVE DAYS.

A tourist vessel, making her first visit to the Colony and will arrive here on December 24 for a five-day visit. She is a Norwegian motor yacht, the Stella Polaris. She was built exclusively for pleasure cruises and is fitted with "the maximum of comfort." The vessel has previously been engaged on cruises among Norway's fjords, the Canary Islands and ports in the Mediterranean.

The vessel left Southampton on November 2, and came out East touching at the famous Mediterranean cities by the sea, also Egypt, India, Java, and the Philippines. Leaving Hong Kong on December 25, the vessel will return to Europe via Indo-China, Siam, F.M.S., Burma, India and Port Said.

Among those on board are Mr. E. Phillips Oppenheim, the "best seller," Mr. F. L. Konow, former Minister of Finance in Norway, and Mr. Arentz, who is going to Australia as Consul-General for Norway.

From the illustrations and brochures the vessel appears to be as luxurious as any ship that has ever steamed into the port. She is fitted out with spacious promenade decks and comfortable cabins with the latest Thermotank Punkah ventilating system, similar to that in the N.Y.K. "Asama Maru."

Full particulars of the vessel and prices for the return journey to Europe are available at Messrs. Thomas Cook & Co., who are acting as agents. We understand that a number of berths have been reserved for the return journey.

## GIFT DIRECTORY

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## NOTICE.

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E. V. JESSEN, Superintendent.  
Hong Kong, 14th Dec., 1929. [8749]

## IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

## PROBATE JURISDICTION.

IN THE GOODS OF DAME HESTER JANE HART, late of the IMPERIAL HOTEL Bournemouth in the County of HANTS ENGLAND, WIDOW, DECEASED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has, by virtue of Section 58 of Probate Ordinance 1897, made an Order Limiting the Time for Creditors and Others to claim in their Claims against the Estate to the 10th DAY OF JANUARY, 1930. All Creditors and Others are accordingly hereby required to send in their Claims to the Underigned on or before that date.

Dated the 12th day of December, 1929.  
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,  
Solicitors for the Executor,  
Princes Building,  
Hong Kong. [8743]

## THE CHINA LIGHT &amp; POWER CO. (1918), LTD.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

WITH Reference to the NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS Dated 7th NOVEMBER, 1929, Announcing the Resolution of the Board of Directors to offer to Shareholders Additional Shares in the Proportion of One Additional Share for every Existing Share of 3/- for Every Four Existing Shares on the Date of the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING, i.e. 21st DECEMBER, 1929, SHAREHOLDERS ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Directors of the Company have now decided that the Offer of the Additional Shares shall be made to Shareholders in respect of the Existing Shares of which they are the Actual Registered Holders on the 11th JANUARY, 1930, instead of on the 21st DECEMBER, 1929.

In Consequence of the Decision, the Date for Payment of the First Instalment of 5/- for Share in respect of the Additional Shares has now been POSTPONED FROM 2ND JANUARY, 1930, To 6th FEBRUARY, 1930, in the case of Shareholders whose Registered Address is in the Colony of Hong Kong or the Far East. In the case of Shareholders outside the Far East, the Date for Payment has been POSTPONED FROM 2ND APRIL, 1930, To 2ND MAY, 1930.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED FROM MONDAY, 6th JANUARY, 1930, To SATURDAY, 11th JANUARY, 1930, Both Days inclusive.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,  
General Managers.  
Hong Kong, 12th Dec., 1929. [8741]

## NOTICE.

## HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE CO., LTD.

IN order to facilitate the investigation with regard to A Number of Share Certificates which have been fraudulently obtained from the Company, All Holders of Share Certificates of the Company are requested to send in Full Particulars of their Holdings, Number of Certificates, Name of Owner, the Actual Distinguishing Numbers of the Shares covered by the Certificate, the Date of Issue of such Certificates and their Folio Numbers, to the GENERAL MANAGERS as soon as possible.

By Order of the Board,  
JOSEPH HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers. [8738]

## INTIMATIONS.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 16th DAY OF DECEMBER, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Shamshui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1888, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.					
No. of Sale.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
12	New Kowloon Island	As per sale plan.	About 15,000	108	23,700

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.					
No. of Sale.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
12	East of Island Lot No. 2770, Village Road.	As per sale plan.	About 15,000	94	22,780

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.					
No. of Sale.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rental.	Upset Price.
3	New Kowloon Island and Lot No. 1201.	As per sale plan.	About 4,800	32	3,975

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## WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.35 p.m., stated:—

An anticyclone is situated over S. Manchuria and a shallow depression covers S.W. China.

Local Forecast:—E. or variable winds, light to moderate, cloudy, some fog.

## DEATH.

MACLACLAN.—At 12.30 a.m., December 14, at 2, Kimberley Terrace, Kowloon, JAMES MACLACLAN, aged 50. Funeral will pass the Monument at 4.30 p.m. to-day. [8753]

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

Mrs. H. A. WALKER and family desire to thank the many friends who sent floral tributes and attended the funeral of her late husband, Captain H. A. WALKER. [8757]

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## The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 14, 1929.

## MORE ABOUT PIRACY.

Now that the excitement aroused by the Haiching outrage has subsided, and before interest in the subject of piracy dies away until the next tragedy revives it, we consider it timely to emphasise some aspects of the matter which have not been touched upon in previous comment. First of all, there is the position of China herself. Nowhere else in the world is piracy on the high seas met with, and no other Government in the world would regard outrages of this character off its coast with such indifferent interest. But in a country where bandits are almost as plentiful as blackberries, and where the kidnapping of prominent people is quite a commonplace incident, an occasional outbreak of piratical activity is probably looked upon as a matter of no great importance. However, lightly the Chinese authorities may regard such incidents, however, the fact remains that foreign Governments take a much more serious view of the situation. They are permitted by treaty to trade with and between certain ports in China, and they have a right to expect the Chinese authorities to take all reasonable precautions to see that this lawful business is not interfered with. Bias Bay has been for years notorious as the stronghold of the desperate ruffians who carry out—if they do not actually plan—acts of piracy. The fact is common knowledge, and any Government worthy of the name would have taken steps long ago to smoke out this hornet's nest, and seen to it that the district was too well policed on land and patrolled at sea for the pests to return. Since only half-hearted measures have been ever attempted by the Chinese authorities to deal with the problem of piracy, it would be timely now for a joint Note to be presented by the Powers, demanding that effective action be taken forthwith. China claims to be regarded as the equal in all respects of other Powers. To support that claim she should see to it that the lawless proclivities of some of her citizens are effectively held in check. It was British naval activity which cleaned up the pirates of the Two Kwangs half a century ago, and it is only British activity to-day which prevents the desperadoes of Bias Bay becoming more dangerous than they actually are. China should take this work in hand herself, and do it thoroughly. Meanwhile it will be necessary to continue to take such steps as may seem practicable to prevent pirates seizing a ship and robbing, killing, or kidnapping her passengers—the overwhelming majority of whom, by the way, are Chinese citizens travelling on foreign ships. We have already—and more than once pointed out—the wisdom of withdrawing the military guards

from those British ships which are so protected. Lord Inchcape has just expressed the hope that the British authorities will reconsider their decision in this matter, and no doubt the various shipping companies concerned will take steps to emphasise the necessity for continuing the existing precautions against attack by pirates. There are many other vessels on the China Coast which have no such protection. Their only line of defence is an iron grill or two, at the doors of which an Indian guard is posted. In the event of trouble, the ship's officers are expected to use rifles or revolvers, but so far as we have been able to ascertain, nothing is done to train these men in the effective use of their weapons. It may be said that the firing of a revolver is such an easy matter that a mere child could do it—which is true, but to use a revolver effectively needs both tuition and practice. Since it is necessary, unfortunately, for ship's officers on the China Coast to be prepared at any moment to take part in a fight for life against desperate men who are no novices at gunplay, it is surely equally necessary that they be given the opportunity of learning how to make the best use of their weapons. Men took a gallant part in the recent struggle on the Haiching which had never pulled a trigger in their lives. A fight with pirates is an unequal struggle at the best of times, but when officers unskilled in the use of deadly weapons have to face men who, if not expert gunmen, are certainly not unpractised hands, the affray becomes still more one-sided. We suggest, therefore, that so long as it is necessary for sailors to add soldiering to their proper and regular duties, they should be given opportunity, and inducement to learn, how best to handle their weapons.

And finally, we consider a few lines should be devoted to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty and their message to the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station. When we learned through Reuter that the Admiralty had cabled to Vice-Admiral Sir A. K. WATSELL, expressing admiration at the gallantry of the master, officers, and crew of the Haiching, we felt genuinely pleased that official notice had been taken by the Royal Navy of a really gallant stand by men of the Merchant Navy. But what a cold and formal congratulation it was that "My Lords Commissioners" sent, and how different was the tone of the personal message from the Commander-in-Chief himself! Motives of economy are said to explain the War Office decision to withdraw the military guards from British ships. Possibly motives of economy explain the painful brevity of the Admiralty's cabled message of congratulation, in which case it were better not to have sent any message at all. Perhaps "My Lords Commissioners" do not quite realise what it means for the officers of a ship to be attacked in the middle of the night by a gang of armed and ruthless men. Such things do not happen in the Royal Navy, but Vice-Admiral WATSELL has judged much more accurately and sympathetically what was accomplished by the little handful of men on the Haiching against overwhelming odds, and in spite of their ship being set on fire after the worst of the gun-play was over. A gang of Chinese pirates may not seem very formidable from the quarterdeck of a battle-cruiser, but in a hand-to-hand struggle on the bridge and deck of a coasting steamer, whose five to one, they are a very different proposition. Vice-Admiral WATSELL said the right thing when he pointed out that the highest traditions of the Merchant Navy were maintained, not only in the face of danger but also in the successful steps taken to save the ship and bring her into port. "My Lords Commissioners" have graciously expressed, in as few words as possible, their admiration of what was done. We shall be surprised—and disappointed—if much more generous recognition does not come from a source even higher than the mighty Lords Commissioners themselves.

## News and Views.

Three Chinese cases of small-pox were reported on Thursday.

Mrs. J. Owen Hughes is to distribute the prizes at the Victoria British School at 10.30 a.m. on Thursday next.

The annual meeting of the Boy Scouts Association will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall on Wednesday at 5.15 p.m.

The Police Department are holding a Carnival dance at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on Monday, from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

In this week's talk to Boy Scouts (appearing on page 9), the Chief Scout explains how necessary it is to develop a "second brain" in order to get stalking in the dark.

Mr. Kwok Siu Lau, one of the best known of local Chinese philanthropists, has given \$500 to the New Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Wanchai, for providing Wireless Equipment in the Institution for the benefit of British sailors and soldiers.

Capt. H. F. Bloxham, Assistant Superintendent, Prisons Department, returned on the Antenor at the expiry of long leave.

Mrs. E. C. Burton, mother of Mr. R. C. Tredwell (Consul-General in Hong Kong for the U.S.A.), arrived on the Empress of Asia.

Mr. Les Levante, world famed illusionist, and Mrs. Levante have arrived from Australia and are staying at the Peninsula Hotel.

Mrs. Dyer has kindly promised to present the prizes at the annual distribution at the Kowloon Junior School on Thursday, December 19, at 11 a.m.

Practitioners of Chinese medicine have formed an Association and the inaugural meeting and celebration will be held at Lee Garden on Sunday at noon.

Mrs. Southorn, wife of the Colonial Secretary (Hon. Mr. W. T. Southorn, C.M.G.), returned to the Colony on the Blue Funnel steamer Antenor.

Among the passengers arriving from Japan by the Empress of Asia was Mr. Kodaka, the well-known pearl merchant, who is showing a selection of his stock at Komor and Komor's next week.

The H.K. University Amateur Photographic Club, Second Annual Exhibition starts on Monday and closes on Monday the 23rd. It will be open from 9 a.m.—1 p.m. and 2 p.m.—6 p.m. daily. Admission is free.

Until further notice, no express trains are running between Kowloon and Canton, owing to the line having been cut. An ordinary train service will be maintained between Kowloon and Sheklung only.

In our advertisement columns will be found particulars of the arrangements made by the Great Northern Telegraph Company for handling Christmas and New Year greetings, including messages for points in China.

Mr. G. E. Ellams, Mrs. N. V. Croucher, Mr. N. J. Perrin, of Messrs. Thos. Cook & Son, accompanied by Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Lambert and Mr. C. D. Lambert, of the Kowloon-Canton Railway (British section) returned here by the Antenor.

A young peach-tree bearing a fruit half of which was a peach and the other half a nectarine was exhibited at the recent show of the Royal Horticultural Society in London. Experts said the freak was purely accidental, although quite novel.

We regret to record the death of Mr. James Bell MacLacian, which occurred at 2, Kimberley Terrace, Kowloon, at 12.30 this morning. Mr. MacLacian, who was 50 years old, was a well-known resident of Kowloon, and a prominent member of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club. The funeral will pass the Monument at 4.30 this afternoon.

The Warwick Revue Company, which had such a very successful season at the Star Theatre some months ago, giving among other good shows "Airs Nothings," are returning to the same Theatre on Thursday and Friday at 9.15 p.m. The Warwick Company are lively and know their work thoroughly, and they have among them a young lady, Miss Nicholson, with a more than usually charming voice, besides dancers and entertainers, who together give a very good evening's amusement.

Mr. G. P. Gooch, joint editor of the British Government's publication of documents on the origin of the war, lecturing in London recently, said:—"I must say, calmly and on the basis of all the available knowledge, that Germany was dragged into the World War by her ally, Austria, just in the same way as France was by Russia. Great Britain was dragged in primarily by the deep conviction that she could not stand out and see France smashed, and Germany dominating Europe."

## Japan's Minister to China.

What is described as "an awkward hitch" has occurred in connection with the appointment of Japan's Minister at Peking. It will be recalled that the late Minister, Mr. Saburai, committed suicide at Hakone about a fortnight ago, shortly after returning to Japan from Nanjing. It was then announced that the Foreign Minister was very anxious to lose no time in appointing Mr. Saburai's successor, and Mr. Torikichi Obata, Minister to Turkey, happening to be in Japan on leave, was selected for the Nanjing post. It appears to have been understood in Tokyo that the Chinese Government had intimated in the usual way that Japan's nominee was *persona grata*, but now it is stated that, owing to Chiang Kai Shek's pre-occupation with other matters, the customary polite intimation has not been sent to Tokyo! Mr. Obata has already held the post of Japanese Minister in Peking, being sent there in 1918, but appears to have been dismissed in May, 1922—which may explain the "awkward hitch" now reported.

By the British steamer Anches, Captain Jackson, ten constables from Scotland arrived for the Police Force. They are all young, and appear strong, healthy-looking men. They will be a very reasonable addition to the European contingent of the force—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 14, 1929.

## THE HAICHING OFFICERS.

ENTERTAINED BY H.E. AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

H.E. The Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) and Lady Clementi gave a tiffin party at Government House yesterday to which the officers of the a.s. Haiching and Mr. White, senior partner of the Douglas Company, were invited.

The full list of guests is as follows:—Rt. Rev. Bishop of Victoria, Canon Streeter, Mr. J. E. Duxon, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Cheung Yan Pak, Mr. Hughes, Mr. Kewell, Mr. Mello, Captain Farrar, and Mr. A. H. White.

## KOWLOON-CANTON TRAINS.

BRIDGE AT SHEK HA DESTROYED.

Railway communication between Kowloon and Canton has been interrupted, the railway bridge at Shek Ha (Chinese section), having been destroyed. Information to this effect was received in the Colony at 8.40 a.m. yesterday morning when the morning express train for Canton had already left Kowloon. The railway authorities at once phoned to the Shumchun Station ordering the train to return.

When the bridge was destroyed, the telegraph line at Shek Ha was also cut.

Telegraphic service between Kowloon and Canton was interrupted yesterday. Repairs are under way and the Kowloon-Canton service according to a notice yesterday, will be suspended until further notice. Trains from Kowloon will only proceed as far as Shek Lung.

## CHINESE WILLS.

ESTATE OF A FACTORY FOREMAN.

Local estate worth \$81,500 was left by Fung Foo, chief foreman in the Kwong Sang Hong perfumery factory, who died in January last at 132, Wanchai Road, survived by his wife, six sons and four daughters. Letters of administration have been granted to the widow, Fung Leung Shi, of the same address.

Wong Kan Chuen, late of Ngau Wan village, San Wui district, Kwangtung, who died in July last, left \$28,500 in the Colony. The property is left to the widow, resident in Hong Kong, who has been granted probate of the will.

Lam Yee Man, a farmer, who died in May last at his native village in the Pun U district, left estate in Hong Kong worth \$4,100 which he has bequeathed to the widow, who has obtained letters of administration.

## Calendars for 1930.

We have received many attractive calendars and diaries from well-known firms in the Colony during the past week. Calendars are to be had from Messrs. Arnold & Co., local agents of the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co., and of the Westinghouse Electric International Co. the sole distributors for which firm are Messrs. Reiss, Massey & Co., Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., as general agents of the Canton Fire Insurance Co. and Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., send us an almanack and two very dainty diaries. A calendar depicting one of the great trains on the Pennsylvania Railroad has been received from Messrs. Thomas Cook & Son. Two very artistic pictorial calendars have been received from Messrs. Alex Ross & Co., and a neat little desk calendar from Messrs. Anderson & Co.

## Looking Back 25 Years.

In connection with the recent fire at West Point, it is alleged that there are certain discrepancies between book entries and the goods that were actually in the godowns. It is reported that the owner of the goods did not care to take action in the matter, so the police yesterday charged the man said to be responsible with larceny as a bailer. The case came before Mr. F. A. Hazland (Second Magistrate). Mr. Dixon, of Mr. John Hastings's office, appeared for the defence, and on the case being remanded for a week, applied for bail—they were prepared to furnish \$10,000 bail if necessary. The police strongly objected, and on the magistrate appearing to hesitate, said that if bail was granted they would re-arrest the man on another charge as soon as he was released. Mr. Hazland said that as no evidence had been taken in the case, and bearing in mind that it was a charge which might possibly go to the Supreme Court, he thought he would not be justified in allowing bail. Bail was refused.—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 14, 1904.

## Looking Back 50 Years.

By the British steamer Anches, Captain Jackson, ten constables from Scotland arrived for the Police Force. They are all young, and appear strong, healthy-looking men. They will be a very reasonable addition to the European contingent of the force—*Hong Kong Daily Press*, December 14, 1929.







# Sports News

## LOCAL FOOTBALL.

### LAI WAH CUP.

Final to-day. Kick off Hong Kong F.C. ground at 3.30 p.m.

Army (Holders) v. Civilians. Referee: Ldg. Sma. Nees. Lineamen: P. O. Critchett and L. S. A. Ryder.

The following have been chosen to play:—

Civilians: G. Rodger (H.K.F.C.); Wynne (H.K. Police) and C. Pile (Kowloon F.C.); Hedley (Kowloon F.C.); Hudson (H.K. Police); and Bliss (Kowloon F.C.); B. Gosano and A. V. Gosano (Club de Recreo); Goldman and Scott (H.K.F.C.); and Rocha (Club de Recreo).

Army: Fletcher (R.A.); Oliver (R.A.) and Reeves (K.O.S.B.); Everest (K.O.S.B.); West (S.L.I.) and Joyce (R.A.); Rayson (S.L.I.); Stock (K.O.S.B.); Gill (R.A.); Bentley-Bull and Butcher (S.L.I.).

The Lai Wah Cup Competition was inaugurated in 1925, the trophy being presented to the Hong Kong F.A. by the Lai Wah Co. This competition is run yearly before the Interport game with a view to finding possible players for the great match. Teams chosen from the "Royal Navy," "Army," "Civilians" and "Chinese" compete for the Trophy.

Winners to date, are:—Civilians 1925; Civilians 1926; Army 1927; Civilians 1928 and Army 1929.

The Army are holding a strong side and should retain the trophy. Everest (K.O.S.B.) replaces Knapp (S.L.I.) in the Army team that beat the Navy in the semi-final.

The Civilians have three changes from the side that beat the Chinese a fortnight ago. Goldman tends the attack in place of McKelvie, Hudson takes the position of centre half in place of Downman and Rocha replaces Miles on the left wing.

The game will be over the full distance of ninety minutes and extra time, ten minutes each way, will be played, if necessary. Mrs. R. M. Dyer will present the cup to the winners at the close of the game.

There will be no senior league games to-day.

The following games in the Hong Kong League, Division II, are down for decision to-day. Kick off 2.30 p.m.

K.O.S.B. Res. v. Eastern, F.C., Sookunpoo ground. Referee: C. S. M. Parry.

South China "A" v. China Athletic "B," Caroline Hill ground. Referee: L. S. A. Ryder.

Ewo, Chinese v. R.A.M.C., China Athletic ground, Happy Valley. Referee: A. B. McMillan.

University F.C. v. South China "B," R. Navy ground. Referee: Cpl. Matthews, R.M.

Club de Recreo Res. v. H.K.F.C. Res., King's Park ground. Referee: Sgt. Marshall.

China Athletic "A" v. Royal Navy Res., North Point Stadium. Referee: Sergeant Vickers.

St. Joseph's Res. v. Kowloon F.C. Res., St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Cpl. Martin, R.M.

The game at the Stadium should attract a large crowd. This game, with the exception of the Lai Wah Cup final, should be the best on the cards to-day. The Royal Navy Reserves are going great just now, while the China Athletic gave rather a poor show at Sookunpoo last week against the Gunners Reserves.

The only reverse to the Athletic "A" this season is a three to one against the K.O.S.B. at the Stadium.

The Eastern F.C. will extend the K.O.S.B. but it is expected that the leaders will secure full points.

South China "A" will leave nothing to chance against China Athletic "B." The R.A.M.C., Club de Recreo and St. Joseph's should win.

KOWLOON 2ND XI. v. ST. JOSEPH'S 2ND XI.

The following team has been selected to represent Kowloon 2nd XI. v. St. Joseph's 2nd XI. to-day on the latter's ground. Kick off at 2.30 p.m. sharp.

Angus (Junior); Guest, Eastman; Hast, Easterbrook, Dunnett; Philpott, King, Nicholls, Coates, Brkford.

Reserves: Springett, Hannan and Seddon.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

### OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITIES DRAW.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, Dec. 12.

The association football match between Oxford and Cambridge was played to-day and resulted in a draw, each side scoring one goal. Goals were Bradshaw for Oxford and Kemp-Welch for Cambridge.

## THE SUGGESTED 5-INCH CUP.

### NOT A BETTER 'OLE.

Recent controversy on the merits or otherwise of the "larger-hole" led to practical experiment at West Hill, Brookwood, writes a London critic. One hundred amateur golfers, famous and otherwise, took part in a thirty-six holes stroke competition, which differed from the ordinary because the hole on each green was cut to a diameter of five inches instead of the statutory 4½ ins.

Golf's law-makers at St. Andrews need not tremble. The experiment failed to meet with general approval. Few of the players pronounced the innovation the "better 'ole."

There was fairly general agreement that the larger hole made the putting easier, and this gave satisfaction to the people who claimed that, while the real test of golf lay in the drives and the shots up to the green, putting was a secondary part of the game. Here spoke the "slogging" school. Old players were very properly scandalised. They held a view to the contrary, aptly expressed by Captain Aitken, who said that, with the larger hole in use "sloppy" approach putts were not punished.

What he meant was that the ball, after being laid two or three yards from the hole, was sunk unflinchingly with the next stroke. The shorter putt, aimed at a "bucket," had no terrors for the nervous player.

I saw four men in succession underlie themselves shockingly from the tee at the short seventh hole, pitch on the green in two, and putt out at long range for the bogey three. This, somehow, seemed unfairly generous reward for bad golf.

Honest critics feared that a larger hole would make the game easier for good players without conferring similar benefit on weaker brethren. S. H. Fry, whose putting skill is as famous as his command of billiards, expressed the opinion that the better putter would be better still, and never likely to take three putts. He could imagine a wider gap between the scratch and the handicap player, and perhaps the necessity to give nine or ten strokes where an allowance of six now sufficed.

Edward Blackwell voiced an objection of great importance at the end of his morning round. "The larger hole," he said, "would do away with the stymie, and that would be a pity."

### Hit the Ball Harder.

R. H. de Montmorency said, "Instinctively, with the bigger hole to aim at, you hit the ball harder. You have no fear of going past." Montmorency failed to find the green with his teshot at any one of the three short holes in the morning, yet got down in a single putt for a three at each.

Douglas Grant, who set the pace with a fine round of 71, said, when I met him at the fourteenth hole, "It has not made a single bit of difference to my putting." He was opposed to any change, holding that a larger hole would alter the whole conception of the game. He suggested that the problem could be settled by placing the present-sized hole on perfectly level ground, with about a yard of "flat" all round, and the grass slightly shorter the nearer it grew to the edge of the tin.

Other objectors were breezy. G. D. Hannay said: "Absolute farce. I can't hit a golf shot this morning, but I pop it up with a masher and hole the putt." According to G. Illingworth, a former Cambridge University captain, "Bad putts scrape round the hole and drop in." An eight-handicap player said, "A five-foot putt is now an eighteen-inch putt." Captain A. H. Hornby, the Army golfer, who plays from scratch, laughed, and said, "It makes the game more difficult and rather stupid, because no one aims at the thing."

Decidedly the "noes had it," out there were champions of the larger hole in the field. One was F. S. Bond, who told me, "Just what was wanted. It improves the balance of your play and reflects the game. I like it immensely, and, honestly, I did not think I should."

C. Shankland was on the same side, saying, "It gives the man who is playing perfect golf a better chance," the implication, I presume, being that the 4½-inch hole is associated with an element of fluke.

Discussion so overshadowed play as to make the day's prizewinners of little account, and though the competition may be repeated there seems not the least likelihood of golf in general being "speeded up" in the way desired. The large hole, it is thought, is not a better 'ole.

## POLICE DENY USE OF THIRD DEGREE METHODS.

### EUROPEAN SERGEANT CLOSELY CROSS-EXAMINED.

#### THE FORGED BANKNOTE CASE.

Further allegations of assault were made against the Police yesterday when the hearing was resumed at Central Magistracy of the case in which Cheung Ching Shan, of the Lee Fung Hang firm, is charged with possessing and uttering six forged \$100 banknotes of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, junior, instructed by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios, appeared for the defence. Mr. H. J. Armstrong, of Messrs. Deacons, represented the Shiu On Wing firm, to whom the forged notes were alleged to have been passed. Mr. M. M. Watson represented the Lee Fung Hang firm, the defendant's employers.

Mr. Grantham was the Magistrate.

## USE OF RULERS AND SMACKING DENIED.

The first witness called yesterday was Sergeant J. F. Kennedy. He said he first saw defendant on the afternoon of November 4 at 5 p.m. in the charge room. He was not engaged in the case at the time.

On the following day, he interviewed a man named Wong Hoi Chau, who told him that he had received six forged \$100 notes, and that the notes on being presented at the Chartered Bank had been chopped as forgeries. Witness sent two Chinese detectives for defendant and at 4 p.m. he understood that the defendant had been arrested. Ten minutes later, he went to the detective office and there saw the defendant. The man was handcuffed at the time and was in the custody of a District Watchman.

Witness asked the defendant how he obtained the six forged banknotes and defendant is alleged to have explained that he had bought the six \$100 notes for \$500 from a man who lived opposite the Ko Shing Theatre. Defendant, however, was not able to give the Police the address but volunteered to take the Police to the premises. He was asked what was the best time to get the man who had sold the notes and the defendant stated that at 5.30 p.m. Tse (the name of the alleged seller) would be home for his meal, and that was the best time to get him.

"I did not ask any further questions and left the Detective Office at 4.30 p.m. the defendant remaining in custody of the district watchman and the Chinese detective," added Sergeant Kennedy. At 5.30 witness with the defendant and the two Chinese officers left the Police Station for the house in Queen's Road West. They visited the first floor of No. 92 but failed to find the man named Tse.

### In the Detective Office.

The party returned to the Central Police Station at about 7 p.m. when the defendant was charged in the detective office. He was cautioned and he made statements in answer to each charge, and did not make any complaints of having been assaulted.

Mr. d'Almada (cross-examining): Do you know what time the defendant was arrested on the 5th?—I believe it would be at about 3.30 in the afternoon.

And you think it would be correct to take him straight to the detective office on arrest?—Yes.

So that he would have been 45 minutes in the detective office before you arrived on the scene?—It depends in what part of the city he was arrested.

Who was it who sent for you?—I was called by C.C.518.

Can you tell me what the defendant was doing when you entered?—He was sitting on a stool.

He was not squatting?—No.

You were the only European present?—Yes.

How long did you stay in the detective office?—About fifteen or twenty minutes. I stayed till 4.30 p.m.

Was the defendant taken to the Charge Room?—Not till we returned from the house in Queen's Road West.

You spent about twenty minutes with the defendant and you say conversation took place between you?—Yes.

Who started the conversation?—I did.

With the question you mentioned, that is, "Who gave you these notes?"—Yes.

Did you have any difficulty in getting answers from the defendant?—None whatever.

How were you dressed. Uniform or multi?—Multi.

Did He Look Frightened?

Did defendant look agitated or quite calm or what?—He looked like he is now.

Did he look frightened?—No.

You say that in the course of your conversation you asked defendant what was the best time to see Tse and he said 5.30?—Yes.

Are you sure he said that?—Yes. That is what I understood.

What time did he say that?—About 4.30 p.m.

Did it not occur to you that you could have gone to Tse's place then?—I wanted to get Tse if possible, and therefore, I did not go there at the best possible time.

Did it not occur to you that this man might just be making time for Tse?—No.

He might be making time for his accomplice to get away?—Not after he had volunteered to take us to look for Tse himself.

So that on the advice of one whom you thought to be a criminal, you waited a whole hour?—If I had got Tse I would have charged him and made a witness of this fellow.

Anyway on his advice you waited a whole hour?—Yes.

When you came down to the detective office, did you see any sign of anyone assaulting the defendant? No, I did not.

You sat at a desk in the detective office?—No, I was standing.

Close by defendant?—Yes, quite close.

Did you handle the defendant at all?—No, I did not.

The defendant alleges that while you were in the detective office he was assaulted by two or three Chinese, either policemen or detectives?—It is quite untrue. While I was in the office I did not see that.

The defendant also says you slapped him?—No, I did not. If I had slapped him I would have left marks on his face.

You think you could hit him so hard that it would have left marks?—Yes.

At 5.30, you left, went down to Queen's Road West, found no one, came back and then defendant was charged and he made a statement?—Yes.

No Rulers in the Office.

Do you keep rulers in your office?—No, we do not.

Not even flat rulers?—No.

The defendant says rulers were used on his person by Chinese detectives. Did you see nothing of that?—No, I did not.

The defendant was handcuffed when you first saw him at 4.10?—Yes.

And right through from that time?—He may or may not have been handcuffed when I left, but at 5.30 when I came down again he was handcuffed.

Was there any other European in charge of this case?—No.

You know that after November 5 the defendant made a complaint to the effect that he had been assaulted by the Police?—Yes, I heard it from Mr. Remedios on the following Tuesday, I think.

You don't know anything about the medical examination of the defendant?—Yes, I do.

You saw the medical reports?—Yes, Dr. Cannon's. I was also present during Dr. Koch's examination when the Doctor said that there were some small bruises round the knee.

I put it to you, Mr. Kennedy, that during the time you were in the detective office you did see these Chinese detectives strike him?—I did not.

You are quite positive?—Quite.

Are you equally positive that you did not strike him yourself?—I am.

The defendant, you say, took you to the first floor of No. 92, Queen's Road West?—Yes.

You searched the premises?—Not exactly. We had a look round. It was an occupied place.

You found nothing of value to you?—No.

The defendant was in the detective office from 3.30 to 5.30. About two hours?—Roughly, that is correct.

Answering Mr. Grantham, witness said that when the man Tse could not be found in the house in Queen's Road West, defendant appeared to be surprised and he looked into the cubicles and the verandah. Witness took him back to the Police Station without wasting time as he thought he was "having his leg pulled."

Hospitality Exchanged.

The District Watchman, who first arrested the defendant said that on the following day he was told by Sergeant Kennedy to re-arrest the man, as the \$100 notes had been found to be forgeries after all. Witness was able to trace defendant to his own home. He entered and was treated hospitably.

The defendant offering him a cigarette.

Witness said he told the defendant that someone was waiting in the street to see him, and having enticed defendant out of his house in that way, he had him arrested. He explained to Mr. d'Almada that he could not arrest defendant in his house without a warrant.

Mr. d'Almada: Did you strike him at all in the detective office?—No.

Did you not strike him with a ruler?—No. I was so kind to him, I offered him a cup of tea! (Laughter.)

The defendant says, both you and C.518 struck him?—No, I did not strike him.

Did you use your fist on him?—No.

Did you see Mr. Kennedy strike him at all?—No.

Are you quite sure you did not strike him?—Quite sure.

He was handcuffed until the time Sergeant Kennedy came?—Yes.

And then the handcuffs were removed when Sergeant Kennedy came?—Yes.

Why?—On Mr. Kennedy's instructions. When were they replaced?—Not again. The hearing will be continued on Friday next.

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Four Chinese who had been charged at Central Magistracy with participation in the armed robbery at 102 Wellington Street, on December 8, when a pork dealer was robbed of money and jewellery worth \$303, had the charge amended to one of possession of four revolvers when they were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton and Major C. Willson who sat together. The police officer in charge of the case stated that the stolen property had been recovered, but as no evidence of identification by the victim could be obtained, the charge of robbery would be withdrawn. The defendants were arrested in two different places and the loaded revolvers were found concealed in Bridges Street. After hearing evidence, the defendants were found guilty and sentenced to four years' hard labour each.

### MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

Pi Shih Hsu, a Shantung Police Sergeant, was charged before Mr. A.W.G.H. Grantham with the manslaughter of Lo Chak, a married woman. It was alleged that the defendant struck her a blow which resulted in the woman's death in hospital. Mr. F. C. E. Rendall, appearing for the accused, was granted a week's adjournment, bail of \$250 in cash and two sureties of \$50 each being allowed.

### MOTOR-CYCLIST FINED.

Mr. G. H. Ribberio of No. 1 Carnarvon Villas was summoned before Mr. W. Schofield at Kowloon Magistracy with driving his motor cycle recklessly in Waterloo Road on November 25.

Sergeant Clark said that he was coming down the incline from the Kowloon Hospital when he saw the defendant on his motor cycle, in front, travelling at a speed from 40-45 m.p.h. He followed the defendant, who rode on the wrong side on the nullah, just before the Homantin Railway Bridge. He overtook and stopped the defendant at the end of Waterloo Road near the Dog's Home. Defendant said that his speed was only 30 miles an hour.

The Magistrate convicted and imposed a fine of \$30 remarking that he thought even 30 miles an hour excessive.

### BANISHEE WHO CAME FOR HIS WIFE.

A banishee, who was charged before Mr. Schofield with returning before the term of his banishment had expired, told the Magistrate that he returned to take his wife away. It was stated that defendant had been convicted twice for stealing and had been sentenced once before for returning from banishment. He was sentenced to 8 months' hard labour and 15 strokes of the birch.

### STEALING VEGETABLES FROM KOWLOON TONG.

Convicted of stealing 70 centies of green vegetables from a garden in Kowloon Tong and with stealing two baskets from other gardens, two young Chinese were sentenced to seven weeks' hard labour each. It was stated that the defendants were caught in the act of cutting the vegetables.

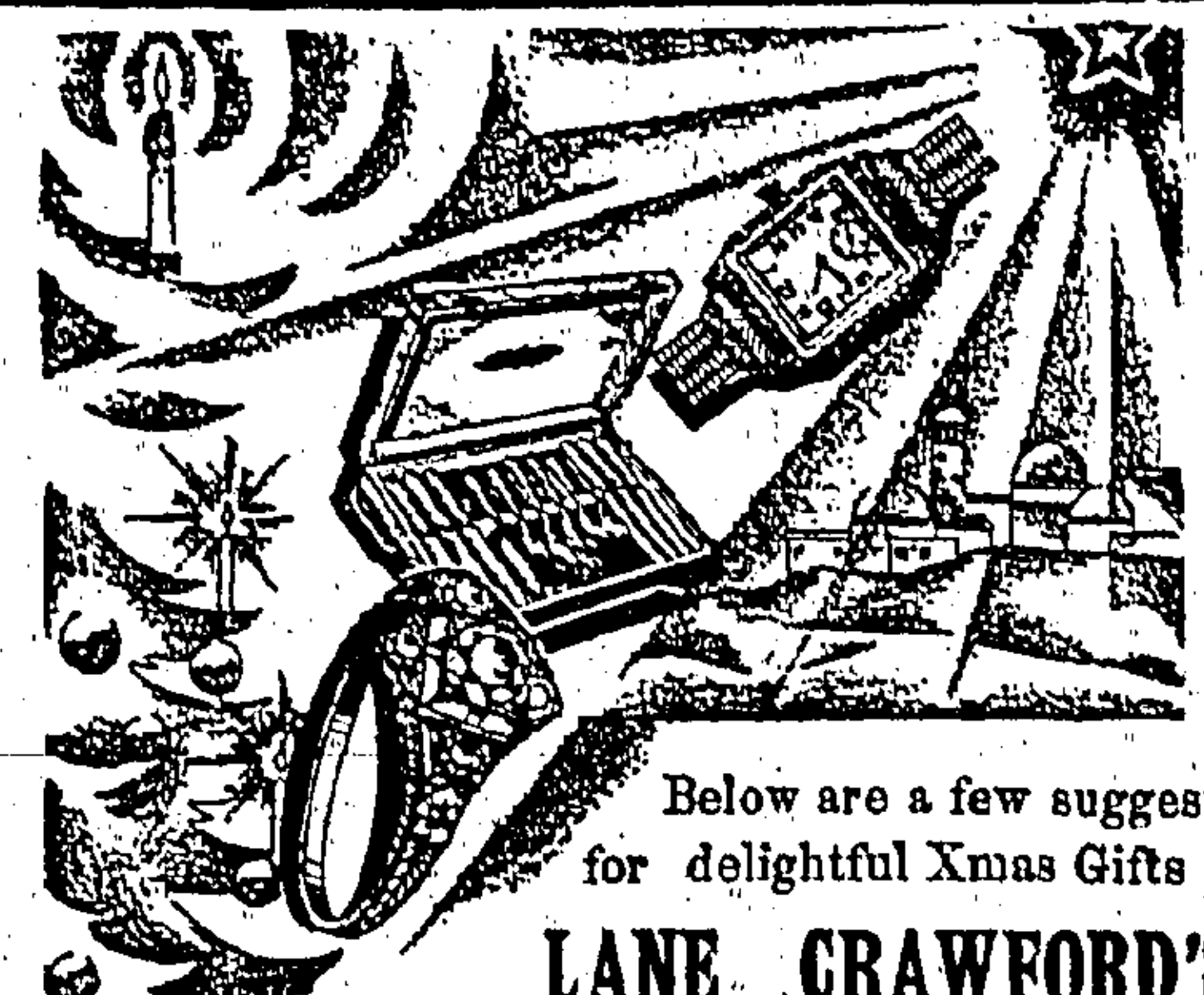
### A THIEF'S BAD CHARACTER.

With four previous convictions for stealing, a Chinese was sentenced by Mr. Schofield to four months' hard labour for stealing a watch and chain from a visitor to a house in Temple Street. It was stated that the report of the theft was made to the police and that after enquiries it was recovered from a pawnbroker's shop. The defendant was later arrested and identified by the pawnbroker.

### CRICKET.

K.C.C. CRICKET TEAMS FOR  
TO-DAY.

1st XI. Friendly v. I.R.C. at Kowloon:—W. Brace (Capt.), F. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, N. H. Ross, E. F. Fincher, F. E. Lawrence, A. N. Other, F. Zimmern, A. T. Lee, D. Laing, A. E. Silkstone. Umpire: J. P. Robinson. Scorer: A. Hyde-Lay.  
2nd XI. League v. I.R.C. at Soekunpo:—B. Petheram (Capt.), H. Overy, G. Lee, N. Mackay, F. S. W. Smith, A. R. F. Raven, S. J. A. A. Dine, C. A. Ryan, J. Hirst, A. J. Kew. Umpire: A. W. Bliss. Scorer: Capt. Laithwaite.



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Monte Blue gives a very fine performance as the beach comber doctor who finds a new life on a lonely island where, the white man has not yet penetrated. Tragedy comes when he discovers pearl oysters and lights a beacon fire to bring ships and the inevitable greedy traders to this earthly paradise. If you saw "White Shadows" when it was shown before you should go again to hear the sound accompaniment, if you have not already seen it, I recommend this film as being one which combines much of the loveliness of "Moana" and "Chang" with a moving human drama.

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The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand is a mistranslation for the Kingdom of Heaven has arrived, according to the Bishop of London, who, preaching in a West London church, said he had been asked to join a society called the Order of the Star in the East. "It sounded very nice," he said, "but I discovered that they were seeking another Messiah. In fact they have him up their sleeve already. I met him—a most commonplace youth. That is where they are wrong, for there is not going to be another incarnation."

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### KILLED BY COCONUT.

Malacca, Dec. 4.—On morning on the beach at Malacca, while a Chinese boy, aged three years, was walking about, a coconut fell from a tree and struck him on the head. The child was taken to the Medical Mission and then to the Durian Daun Hospital, but died.—Straits Times.

### HEALTH BULLETIN OF EASTERN PORTS.

FOR THE WEEK ENDING  
DECEMBER 7.

Plague.	Cases	Deaths
Colombo	2	1
Alexandria	2	1
Macassar	1	—
Cholera.		
Calcutta	—	40
Madras	—	1
Tuticorin	7	1
Bangkok	3	1
Phnom Penh	1	—
Saigon	1	—
Small-Pox.		
Berbera	6	1
Aden	2	—
Bombay	12	4
Calcutta	7	6
Cochin	245	51
Karachi	1	—
Madras	14	5
Moulmein	1	1
Pondicherry	1	1
Batavia	1	—
Belawan Deli	1	—
Bangkok	1	—

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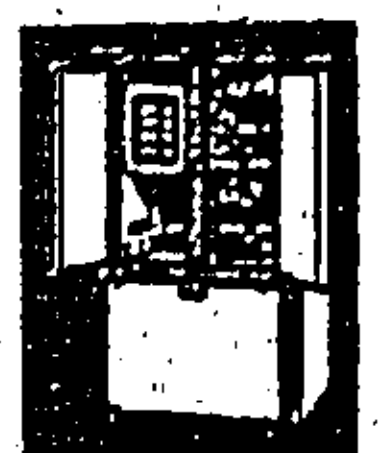
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STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON	FOR
TJISAROEBA	Amoy	15th Dec.	17th Dec. Noon	MANILA, M'KASAR & SOERABAYA
TJISONDARI	Shanghai & Amoy	18th Dec.	21st Dec. Noon	BATAVIA
TJILEBOET	Amoy	23rd Dec.	31st Dec. Noon	MANILA, M'KASAR & SOERABAYA
TJIKEMBANG	Shanghai & Amoy	30th Dec.	1st Jan. Noon	BATAVIA
TJIKARANG	Shanghai & Amoy	9th Jan.	11th Jan. Noon	BATAVIA
TJISALAK	Amoy	12th Jan.	14th Jan. Noon	MANILA, M'KASAR & SOERABAYA
TJIBADAK	Shanghai & Amoy	19th Jan.	21st Jan. Noon	MANILA, M'KASAR & SOERABAYA

### NORTH BOUND.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE ON	FOR
TJIKEMBANG	BATAVIA	16th Dec.	19th Dec. 23rd Dec.	Amoy & Shanghai
TJILEBOET	JAVA, MAKASSAR	20th Dec.	23rd Dec.	SWATOW & AMOY
TJIKARANG	BATAVIA	23rd Dec.	26th Dec.	Amoy & Shanghai
TJISALAK	JAVA, MAKASSAR	3rd Jan.	6th Jan.	SWATOW & AMOY
TJIBADAK	BATAVIA	8th Jan.	11th Jan.	Amoy & Shanghai
TJISAROEBA	JAVA, MAKASSAR	15th Jan.	18th Jan.	SWATOW & AMOY
TJISONDARI	BATAVIA	22nd Jan.	25th Jan.	Amoy & Shanghai

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## Money and Markets

### HONG KONG SHARES.

#### BENJAMIN & POTTS' WEEKLY REPORT.

Although Exchange has touched a lower level and money continues easy the effect has not been fully reflected in the local market since the date of our last Circular, and this is attributed in some measure to the near approach of the heavy December Settlement and the new political situation which has arisen in China. Consequently there has been some shrinkage in dealings, but prices generally have been well maintained.

Banks.—Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks were again dealt in at 81.325. The London quotation has receded to 4121 (Middle).

Marine and Fire Insurances.—Unions have fluctuated between 8035 and 8300. Cantons were negotiated at 8655 and Hong Kong at 8310. Underwriters are on offer at 82.20.

Shipping.—Hong Kong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are firmer with buyers at 82. Preferred lines have kept steady at 846. Douglas Steamships are idle round 823. Shell Transports are a shade higher at 97. Waterboats can be placed at 82.10.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—China Providents were in good demand and were bought up to 85.40. Whampoa Docks are wanted at 82.2. Kowloon Wharves are quoted 8145 for cash with no business reported. Shanghai Docks at Tls. 94. Hongkong Wharves at Tls. 100 and New Engineering at Tls. 71 are all nominal.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels ruled easier and were sold down to 107.50, but at the close have been done and are asked for at 111.2. Humphreys Estates changed hands at 814.35 and 814.40. Hong Kong Lands at 864 and Realities at 87.90 have buyers at quotations.

Public Utilities.—A small decline has occurred in Hong Kong Electric to 86.1. Hong Kong Trams are to be had at 818. China Lights (Old) have had a sharp move upwards and after sales at the outset at 816 are now in demand at 817.2, with little stock offering. Peak Trams (Old) have slipped to a nominal quotation of 811.7. Telephone can be placed at 87.80.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements (Combined) were realised at 812.5 and 812.50, and there are further buyers. China Sugars are enquired for at 90 cents, while Watsons at 812 and Amusements at 823 can be had at quotations.

Cotton Mills.—Ewos have had a further setback and after sales in the beginning of the week at Tls. 14.70 the market has fallen away to Tls. 14.30. Shanghai Cottons (Old) are quoted in the neighbourhood of Tls. 74 with no business reported. Forward Settlement Day.—23rd, December, 1929.

### SINGAPORE'S TRADE COMMISSIONER.

#### MR. BOULTER EXPLAINS HIS DUTIES.

The decision of the Labour Government to station a Trade Commission at Singapore has now materialised, Mr. R. Boulter, C.M.G., formerly commercial secretary in the British Embassy in Tokyo, having arrived to assume the duties of that office.

Mr. Boulter's territory covers the Straits Settlements and Malay States, both Federated and Unfederated, and his headquarters are at Singapore.

In conversation with a *Straits Times* representative Mr. Boulter stated that he was appointed by the British Board of Trade. The primary duty of a Trade Commissioner, he explained, was to foster the export trade of Great Britain, to report what opportunities existed for the extension of that trade and the best means of utilising them, and to create opportunities where favourable circumstances existed. A Trade Commissioner must also aim at extending the trading interests of Great Britain in the widest sense of these words, and at increasing trade relations within the Empire as a whole.

It was, however, outside the scope of a Trade Commissioner to engage in actual business transactions, Mr. Boulter said. Though he was in a position to provide an importer in Malaya with the names of manufacturers or exporters in the United Kingdom who were in a position to supply merchandise of any kind required, it was outside his province to negotiate any actual business.

Depression in Japan.

Questioned as to British trade in Japan Mr. Boulter said that severe commercial depression existed in

that country as well as in Malaya, and indeed trade had not been good for several years. Mr. Boulter recalled the world-wide slump in 1921, the earthquake in 1923, the banking crisis in 1927, and the recent decision to remove the gold embargo. This last factor, he said, meant that the yen had gone up in value and every importer was waiting to see what the top price would be before doing business.

"You have a Government in Japan preaching economy in all directions," Mr. Boulter said. "The Budget actually passed last March has been curtailed for the current financial year, and that has meant cutting down appropriations for all the spending services, telephones, railways, harbour works and so on being affected. Government is spending less, and in Japan perhaps more than in other countries Government is the great spending power. Moreover, when you have an organised campaign of

economy being preached by your Prime Minister and Minister of Finance it is bound to have rather wide effects."

Asked whether foreign goods were making headway in Japan, Mr. Boulter pointed out that Japanese competition was very severe. Japanese industry had made tremendous strides in recent years. "You have seen here what the Japanese can do in the way of cotton piece goods and artificial silk goods," he remarked.

Extensions of plant had at least made good the fall in output resulting from the recent reduction in working hours, he added.

Questioned as to Lancashire's chances of holding her own in Eastern markets, Mr. Boulter took an optimistic view. "We can say this, however," he declared, "that the brains of Lancashire are now concentrating on this question of maintaining and it seems reasonable to anticipate that in time they will succeed in reorganising the industry so that they may withstand competition from any country. That may perhaps be an optimistic view, but the fact remains that that is what they are trying to do, and knowing the high technical skill and the energy that exist in Lancashire, one can reasonably expect something from them."

## DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS.

### HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

#### FRIDAY, DEC. 13.

#### SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION.

#### Banks.

H.K. Banks ..... \$1,335  
Do. (London) ..... \$1,254  
Chartered Banks ..... \$1,212  
Mercantile Bks. "A" ..... \$230 1/2  
Do. "C" ..... \$15 1/2  
Bank of East Asia ..... \$35

#### Insurances.

Canton Ins. .... \$680  
Underwriters ..... \$2,005  
North China ..... \$1,160  
Union Ins. .... \$358  
Yangtze Ins. .... \$60  
China Fire ..... \$310  
H.K. Fire ..... \$815

#### Shipping.

Douglases ..... \$25 1/2  
Steamboats ..... \$27  
Indos (pref.) ..... \$20  
Do. (def.) ..... \$80  
Shell Transports ..... \$100  
Water-boats ..... \$21 1/2

#### Mining.

Benquets ..... \$4/-  
Kailans ..... \$14.60  
Langkats (comb.) ..... \$7 1/2  
Do. (single) ..... \$1.30  
Explorations ..... \$1.20  
Shanghai Loans ..... \$11.20  
Rauhs ..... \$21/-  
Tromch Mines ..... \$20/-

#### Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.

H.K. & K. Wharfs ..... \$145  
Providents ..... \$5.30  
H.K. Docks ..... \$33  
Shanghai Docks ..... \$3.85  
New Engineering ..... \$7 1/2  
Hongkows ..... \$1.10

#### Cotton Mills.

Ewos ..... \$14.30  
Shai. Cottons (old) ..... \$7.4  
Do. (new) ..... \$1.47  
Zoong Sings ..... \$1.9

#### Lands, Hotels and Buildings.

H.K. & S. Hotels ..... \$11.50  
H. Lande ..... \$11.80  
Shanghai Land ..... \$11.10  
H.K. Realty ..... \$80  
Humphreys ..... \$14.40  
Chinese Estates ..... \$1.10

#### Public Utilities.

Tramways ..... \$18  
Peak Trams (old) ..... \$11.05  
Do. (new) ..... \$11.05  
Star Ferries ..... \$17.25  
C. Light (old) ..... \$17.25  
Do. (new) ..... \$17.25  
H.K. Electric ..... \$64 1/2  
Macao do. .... \$64 1/2  
Sandakan Lights ..... \$8  
Telephones ..... \$8  
China Buses ..... \$9/-  
Tractions ..... \$9/-

#### Industrials.

Caldbeck (ord.) ..... \$20  
Macgregor (pref.) ..... \$20  
Canton Ice ..... \$2.75  
Cements (comb.) ..... \$12.70  
Do. (old) ..... \$8  
Do. (new) ..... \$3  
Ropes ..... \$7  
China Sugars ..... \$29  
Malabar Sugars ..... \$29  
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#### Miscellaneous.

Dairy Farms ..... \$20  
Der A. Wings ..... \$20  
Amusements ..... \$2 1/2  
Constructions ..... \$1.30  
Lane Crawfords ..... \$1.30  
Mackintosh ..... \$1.30  
Nanyang Tobacco ..... \$1.30  
Sinceros (old) ..... \$1.30  
Do. (new) ..... \$1.30  
Watsons ..... \$1.30  
Wm. Powells ..... \$1.30  
B. Ind. G. Bonds ..... \$1.30

### PASSENGERS.

#### Departures.

The following passengers left Hong Kong for Shanghai by the s.s. Antenor, yesterday:—Mr. S. C. Anning, Mrs. J. F. Black, Mrs. B. R. Bevan-Jones, Miss S. J. Bevan-Jones, Miss Y. E. Bevan-Jones, Mrs. Curran, Miss E. M. Curran, Mrs. E. E. Clark, Mr. J. J. Davis, Mr. H. Emanuel, Mrs. J. G. S. Ewing, Master W. McC. Ewing, Miss A. McC. Ewing, Mr. and Mrs. E. Humphreys, Master T. G. Humphreys, Miss D. E. Humphreys, Miss M. Harris, Mr. A. H. Heather, Mr. B. J. Ho, Mr. F. Ikin, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Lowson, Miss I. M. Lowson, Mr. B. Lachloche, Mr. F. Alcester, Mr. J. L. Mount, Miss K. M. Michael, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. B. Miller, Miss J. F. Miller, Miss I. R. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Newcomb, Mr. F. W. Potter, Mrs. A. Price, Mr. V. O. Riley, Mrs. A. Stedman, Mr. A. W. Slater, Mr. T. Siddall, Mr. E. G. Wilkinson, Mr. Liang Ah Wu, Mr. Hin Hang Chow, Mr. Shun Tung Ah, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Gots and infant, Mr. Philip H. Hsu, Mr. J. Amburst, Mr. S. Coleman, Mrs. J. Wallford Smith, Mr. J. A. Scott, Mr. C. Froyer, Mr. F. C. Naylor, Mrs. W. J. Chang, Mr. H. Sauerpeck, Mr. P. L. S. Webb, Mr. H. Meeckel, Mr. Canning.

The following passengers left here by the Empress of Asia on December 12, for Manila:—Mr. P. Alagde, Miss Ang Cham, Mr. Teckhann Amaraam, Mr. Ah Yee, Mrs. A. Berenguer, Mr. C. B. Bonamy, Mr. U. S. Bailey, Mr. N. Cortes, Mr. Chu Sam, Mr. Cheung Kung, Mr. Chan Yan Pin, Master Carlos Quan, Mrs. Chon Si, Master and Mrs. H. Castro, Mr. Chan Foc, Miss Chan Tang, Mr. Chatoonal Tahilran, Mr. Chan She, Mr. Chan Shee, Mrs. Cheong Shi, Mrs. Chiu, Mr. H. Donkers, Mr. J. F. Dimayuga, Miss H. Dick, Mr. Li Dabon, Mr. and Mrs. F. Errea, Mr. F. J. Farr, Mr. Fung Tak, Mr. and Mrs. H. Haack, Mr. and Mrs. H. Hickey, Capt. J. H. Houston, Mr. H. Hassall, Mr. Jan Kock, Mr. Jan We, Dr. and Mrs. R. Kalarus, Mr. P. M. Lat, Miss L. Lopez, Miss C. Lopez, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lizaraga, Mr. Lo Pak Young, Mr. Lim Sun Eng, Mr. A. Lopez, Mr. Lee Sco, Miss M. Morro, Miss E. A. V. Mittas, Mr. G. Murchie, Miss Maria Ruiz, Miss M. O. Mattos, Mr. Jan Maco, Miss Maria Muck Guck, Mr. Ng Luk, Mr. Ng Tong, Mr. Ng Ting Foo, Miss Ng Hong, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Otiger, Mr. On Shee, Miss E. Paradis, Miss C. Paradis, Mr. C. Paradis, Mr. Pang Ngou, Mr. Quan Khee Cheong, Master Quan Kwok Chuen, Master Quan Kwok Luen, Mrs. Quan Shi, Mr. Reeyes, Mr. Roops, hand Varoomal, Mr. A. Sanz, Lieut. and Mrs. J. C. Shillington, Mrs. H. S. R. Sides, Master J. E. Stegner, Mr. W. A. Stegner, Mr. F. Salonga, Mr. So Ho Kam, Mrs. V. Tens, Mr. Tan Siong Lim, Mr. Tan Kian Guan, Mr. Teugi Shindo, Mr. Tee Jin, Mrs. Uy Bee, Mr. R. D. Wrigley, Mrs. H. Whitworth, Mr. A. C. Wassenich, Master Wong (Continued on next column.)

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11 to 11.30 a.m.—Commercial News 12 noon to 1 p.m.—Demonstration programme.

1.45 p.m.—Weather report. 2.45 p.m.—Evening weather report. 3 p.m.—Programme of Columbia records supplied by Messrs. Anderson.

"Hit The Deck, Vocal Medley, Part 1 and 2" (Robin, Grey and Youmans), The Barry Twins, Prince Sisters and London Hippodrome Chorus. Dance music.

9.30 p.m.—"Danger of Seville" (C. Gruino) and "The Two Imps" (K. T. Alfred), Sir Dan Godfrey. Dance music.

10 p.m.—News bulletin. Dance music.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

### SUNDAY.

11 a.m.—Morning Service relayed from St. John's Cathedral followed by a programme of Chinese records until 1 p.m. 1.45 p.m.—Weather report. 2 to 3 p.m.—Programme of English gramophone records supplied by Messrs. Moutrie.

"Hungarian Rhapsody, No. 14" (Liszt), Mark Hambourg. "Pilgrim's Song of Hope" (Bartice) and "Lichestrum" (A. Dream of Love) (Liszt). Henry Gordon Thunders.

"Beautiful Saviour" (Crusaders' Hymn) and "From Heaven Above" (Christiansen), St. Olaf Choir.

"Symphony No. 3, in B Minor (Unfinished)", Part 1 to 6" (Schubert), Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"Negro Spirituals" and "Irish Cradle Song" (Arranged by Alfred Poehon), Flonzaley Quartet.

"Andante Cantabile" (Tchaikovsky) and "Theme and Variations" (Haydn, Op. 76, No. 3), Elman String Quartet.

"The Daughter of the Regiment" (Donizetti), Members of La Scala Orchestra, Milan.

"Rienzi—Overture, Part 1 and 2" (Wagner), Philadelphia Symphony Orchestra.

"Lido Lady"—Selection (Rodgers), Savoy Operas.

"Hear My Prayer—Part 1 and 2" (Mendelssohn), Choir of the Temple Church, London.

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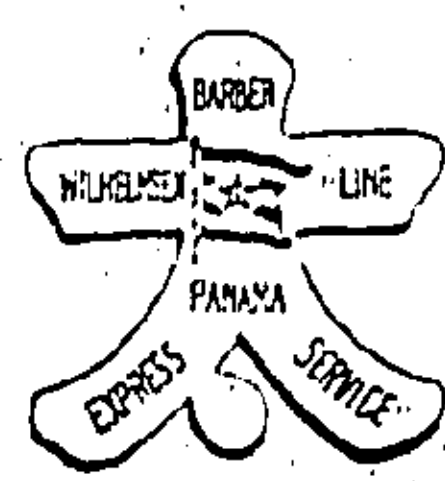
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Anking, B. & S., Dec. 15.  
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Tjikembang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 19.  
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Haining, Douglas, Dec. 22.  
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Tjikarang, J.C.J.L., Dec. 28.  
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 1.  
Tjialak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 6.  
Tjibadak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 9.

## ANTWERP

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 18.  
Ammon, Jansen, Dec. 24.  
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.  
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.  
Oldenburg, Jansen, Jan. 10.

## AUSTRALIAN PORTS

Changte, B. & S., Dec. 17.  
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 25.  
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.  
Taiping, B. & S., Jan. 14.

## BALTI PORTS

Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.

## BALTIMORE

Urbino, Bank, Dec. 25.

## BANGKOK

Hirundo, Thoresen, Dec. 15.  
Kinyuan, B. & S., Dec. 16.  
Kwangchow, B. & S., Dec. 18.  
Hiram, Thoresen, Dec. 22.  
Kwangchow, B. & S., Dec. 22.  
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.  
Hellas, Thoresen, Dec. 29.

## BELOWAN DELI

Imar, Melchers, Dec. 20.  
Cremor, J.C.J.L., Dec. 19.  
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.  
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.

## BOMBAY

Tasmania Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 14.  
Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.  
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.  
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.  
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.

## BOSTON

Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 14.  
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Dec. 15.  
Taiyang, Dodwell's, Dec. 17.  
Chinese Prince, Furness, Dec. 18.  
Urbino, Bank, Dec. 25.  
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.  
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 1.  
Larchbank, Bank, Jan. 3.  
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.

## BREMEN

Imar, Melchers, Dec. 20.  
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 23.  
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.  
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.  
BRINDISI.  
Himalaya, D'well's, Dec. 23.  
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 7.

## CALCUTTA

Takliwa, B.I., Dec. 14.  
Muran Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 15.  
Namsang, Jardine's, Dec. 19.  
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.  
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.  
Tilawa, B.I., Jan. 3.  
Yuenang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.

## CEBU

G'den Peak, S.S.S., Dec. 18.  
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Dec. 20.  
Everett, S.S.S., Dec. 22.  
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 5.

## CHEFOO

Kueichow, B. & S., Dec. 20.  
Huichow, B. & S., Dec. 21.

## COLOMBO

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 14.  
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 14.  
Tasmania Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 14.  
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Dec. 15.  
Athos II, M.M., Dec. 19.  
Alipore, P. & O., Dec. 19.  
Imar, Melchers, Dec. 20.  
Malwa, P. & O., Dec. 21.  
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.  
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 23.  
Ammon, Jansen, Dec. 24.  
Tottori Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 27.  
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.  
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.  
Himalaya, M.M., Dec. 31.  
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.  
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.  
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 7.  
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.  
Oldenburg, Jansen, Jan. 10.  
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.  
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.  
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.

## COPENHAGEN

Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.

## DALNY

Antenor, B.F., Dec. 13.  
Chenau, B. & S., Dec. 18.  
Aller, Melchers, Dec. 23.

## DUTCH PORTS

Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 14.  
Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 18.  
Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 19.  
Imar, Melchers, Dec. 20.  
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.  
Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 23.  
Emp. of Canada, C.P.S., Dec. 28.  
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.  
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Dec. 31.  
Tjileboet, J.C.J.L., Dec. 31.  
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.  
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 5.  
Oldenburg, Jansen, Jan. 10.  
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.  
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.

## GENOA

Chipshing, Jardine's, Dec. 17.  
Haiyang, Douglas, Dec. 17.  
Cheongshing, Jardine's, Dec. 22.  
Haining, Douglas, Dec. 22.

## GLASGOW

Cyclops, B.F., Dec. 20.  
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.

## GOTHENBURG

Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.

## HAIKONG AND HOIHOW

Chengtu, B. & S., Dec. 14.  
Tonkin, M.M., Dec. 17.  
Kwangchow, B. & S., Dec. 18.  
Canton, M.M., Dec. 20.  
Chusan, B. & S., Dec. 26.

## HAMBURG

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 18.  
Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 19.  
Imar, Melchers, Dec. 20.  
Gleniffer, Jardine's, Dec. 22.  
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Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.  
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.  
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.  
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

## HONOLULU

Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.  
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.

## ILOILO

G'den Peak, S.S.S., Dec. 18.  
Pennsylvania, S.S.S., Dec. 20.  
Everett, S.S.S., Dec. 22.  
Illinois, S.S.S., Jan. 5.

## JAPAN PORTS

Bingo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 16.  
Havelland, Jansen, Dec. 16.  
Yokohama Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 16.  
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 17.  
Taiyang, Dodwell's, Dec. 17.  
Angers, M.M., Dec. 18.  
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., Dec. 18.  
Panama, Manners, Dec. 18.  
Suisang, Jardine's, Dec. 19.  
Aki Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.  
Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.  
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 21.  
Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.  
Bellerephon, B.F., Dec. 23.  
Hilda, D'well's, Dec. 24.  
Pres. Cleveland, Dollar, Dec. 24.  
Takada, B.I., Dec. 24.  
Aller, Melchers, Dec. 25.  
Ermland, Jansen, Dec. 29.  
Pres. Madison, A.M.L., Dec. 31.  
Tjialak, J.C.J.L., Jan. 1.  
Kumsang, Jardine's, Jan. 1.  
Sphinx, M.M., Jan. 1.  
Remo, Dodwell's, Jan. 2.  
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 5.  
Pres. Pierce, Dollar, Jan. 7.  
Java, Manners, Jan. 9.  
Burgeland, Jansen, Jan. 9.  
Glenamoy, Jardine's, Jan. 10.  
Mishima Maru, N.Y.K., Jan. 14.  
Pres. Jackson, A.M.L., Jan. 14.

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## MARSEILLES

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Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Dec. 15.  
Athos II, M.M., Dec. 17.  
Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 19.  
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Koenigsberg, Melchers, Dec. 24.  
Patroclus, B.F., Dec. 24.  
Khyber, P. & O., Dec. 28.  
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.  
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.  
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.  
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.  
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.  
Diomed, B.F., Jan. 7.  
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.  
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.

## NAPLES

Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 14.  
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Dec. 15.  
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 23.  
Suwa Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 28.  
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.  
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.

## NEW YORK, BOSTON, etc.

Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 14.  
Pres. Van Buren, Dollar, Dec. 15.  
Taiyang, Dodwell's, Dec. 17.  
Chinese Prince, Furness, Dec. 18.  
Urbino, Bank, Dec. 25.  
Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.  
Malayan Prince, Furness, Jan. 1.  
Larchbank, Bank, Jan. 3.  
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.

## NORTH CHINA

Havelland, Jansen, Dec. 16.  
Panama, Manners, Dec. 18.  
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Dec. 21/22.  
Aller, Melchers, Dec. 23.  
Burgeland, Jansen, Jan. 9.  
Java, Manners, Jan. 9.

## OSLO

Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 19.  
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.  
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

## PANAMA

Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 14.  
Anyo Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 22.

## PENANG

Beltana, P. & O., Dec. 14.  
Hakone Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 14.  
Takliwa, B.I., Dec. 14.  
Tasmania Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 14.  
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Pres. Garfield, Dollar, Dec. 29.  
Tilawa, B.I., Jan. 1.  
Talamia, B.I., Jan. 3.  
Rajputana, P. & O., Jan. 4.  
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.  
Isar, Melchers, Jan. 5.  
Yuenang, Jardine's, Jan. 6.  
Viminale, Dodwell's, Jan. 7.  
Oldenburg, Jansen, Jan. 10.  
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.  
Saarbruecken, Melchers, Jan. 11.  
Pres. Polk, Dollar, Jan. 12.

## PORTLAND

Nevada, S.S.S., Dec. 21.

## RABAU

Bremervahen, Melchers, Dec. 23.

## RANGOON

Takliwa, B.I., Dec. 14.  
Muran Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 15.  
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.  
Akita Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 29.

## SAIGON

Athos II, M.M., Dec. 17.  
D'Artagnan, M.M., Dec. 31.  
Stella-Polaris, B. & N. L., Dec. 28.

## SANDAKAN

Mausang, Jardine's, Dec. 27.  
St. Albans, E. & A., Jan. 3.  
Hinsang, Jardine's, Jan. 4.

## SAN FRANCISCO

Bellingham, S.S.S., Dec. 14.  
Pres. Lincoln, Dollar, Dec. 17.  
Taiyang, Dodwell's, Dec. 17.  
Takaka Maru, N.Y.K., Dec. 20.  
Nevada, S.S.S., Dec. 21.  
City of Chester, Bank, Jan. 9.  
Lahore, P. & O., Jan. 11.

## SCANDINAVIAN PORTS

Canton, Gilman's, Dec. 19.  
Danmark, Manners, Jan. 5.  
Ceylon, Gilman's, Jan. 12.

## SEATTLE



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HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"CHENG TU"	On 14th Dec.	10 a.m.
NINGBO & SHANGHAI	"NANCHANG"	On 15th Dec.	Daylight
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHEKIANG"	On 15th Dec.	Daylight
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 15th Dec.	Daylight
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 15th Dec.	8 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"LUCHOW"	On 15th Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KING YUAN"	On 16th Dec.	Noon
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 17th Dec.	Daylight
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"KANGCHOW"	On 18th Dec.	11 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & DALNY	"CHENAN"	On 18th Dec.	3 p.m.
NINGBO & SHANGHAI	"SHANSHI"	On 18th Dec.	Daylight
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	On 18th Dec.	10 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 20th Dec.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANTUNG"	On 22nd Dec.	8 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 22nd Dec.	11 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"CHUSAN"	On 26th Dec.	10 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 26th Dec.	10 a.m.

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G. METZINGER	11th Feb.	PORTHOS	12th Feb.
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DECEMBER 12, 1929.											DECEMBER 13, 1929.										
STATION	Hour Kos Sunrise Time	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND				Hour Kos Sunrise Time	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	HUMIDITY	WIND				Hour Kos Sunrise Time		
		Inches	Mills.			Direction	Force	Force (Beauf.)	Direction		Force	Force (Beauf.)			Inches	Mills.	Direction	Force		Force (Beauf.)	
Wladivostok...	12	30.22	767.5	25	...	NNE	6	0	5	6	30.35	770.8	22	...	NNE	5	0	5	11		
Nemuro	11	30.18	766.5	...	...	...	0	1	...	5	30.24	768.0	...	...	...	1	0	...	10		
Hokodate	"	30.20	767.0	...	...	W	1	0	...	"	30.22	767.5	...	...	NNW	1	0	...	9		
Tokio	"	30.20	767.0	...	...	NNW	1	0	...	"	30.22	767.5	...	...	NNW	1	0	...	8		
Kochi	"	30.14	765.5	...	...	...	0	0	...	"	30.12	765.0	...	...	WSW	1	0	...	7		
Nagasaki	"	30.04	763.0	...	...	ESE	0	0	...	"	30.12	765.0	...	...	...	0	0	...	6		
Kagoshima	"	30.10	764.5	...	...	...	0	1	...	"	30.02	762.5	...	...	...	0	0	...	5		
Oshima	"	30.06	763.5	...	...	S	0	1	...	"	30.06	765.5	...	...	...	0	0	...	4		
Naha	"	30.04	763.0	...	...	SSE	0	1	...	"	30.04	768.0	...	...	ESE	1	0	...	3		
Ishigakijima	"	30.04	763.0	...	...	S	1	2	...	"	30.00	762.0	...	...	NE	1	0	...	2		
Bonin Island	"	29.94	760.5	...	...	NNW	1	1	...	"	30.00	762.0	...	...	...	0	0	...	1		
Chefoo	15	30.01	762.2	46	100	E	1	0	6	6	30.10	764.5	46	100	E	0	0	...	0		
Shanghai	14	29.95	760.8	61	74	NW	1	1	0	6	30.00	762.0	54	95	E	1	0	...	0		
Gutzlaff	"	29.98	761.5	60	80	NW	1	1	0	6	30.06	763.5	54	94	NNE	2	0	...	0		
Sharp Peak	"	29.80	756.9	71	76	...	0	0	6	7	29.93	760.2	65	89	N	1	0	...	0		
Amoy	"	29.71	755.6	72	76	SSE	4	0	6	6	29.94	760.5	67	95	ESE	1	0	...	0		
Swatow	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Taiheku	11	30.00	762.0	77	61	NW	2	0	5	5	30.07	761.1	64	94	...	0	0	...	...		
Taihu	"	30.01	762.3	77	...	...	0	0	6	"	29.97	761.1	66	...	...	0	0	...	...		
Tainan	"	29.99	761.7	82	...	...	0	0	6	"	29.94	760.5	66	...	...	0	0	...	...		
Koshun	"	29.99	761.7	81	...	ENE	4	0	6	"	29.93	760.2	73	...	ENE	2	0	...	...		
Pescadores	"	29.99	761.7	81	...	SSE	1	1	0	"	29.93	760.2	72	...	E	2	0	...	...		
Hong Kong	14	29.90	759.4	71	82	E	2	0	6	6	29.91	759.7	69	96	E	1	0	...	...		
Gap Rock	"	29.90	759.4	...	...	ENE	4	0	cm	"	29.89	759.3	...	...	E	3	0	...	...		
Macao	"	29.87	758.7	75	83	SE	2	0	6	"	29.87	758.7	68	100	SE	2	0	...	...		
Hoihow	"	29.82	757.4	78	83	ESE	1	1	0	"	29.90	759.3	72	99	...	0	0	...	...		
Pratas Island...	15	29.89	759.0	80	79	E	2	0	bc	"	29.90	759.3	72	99	S	0	0	...	...		
Fuhsien	"	29.78	756.3	82	67	S	4	0	6	7	29.80	756.9	73	94	S	2	0	...	...		
Tourane	"	29.86	758.4	77	...	SE	2	0	6	"	29.86	758.4	72	...	SSE	2	0	...	...		
Cape St. James	"	29.85	758.1	79	...	ENE	6	0	6	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Basco	14	29.83	759.0	79	73	NE	6	0	6	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Aparri	"	29.85	758.1	79	80	NE	2	0	6	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Tuguegarao	"	29.84	757.8	82	67	...	0	0	6	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Vigan	"	29.80	756.9	84	68	WNW	4	0	6	"	29.89	759.0	66	94	NE	1	0	...	...		
Manila	"	29.82	757.5	84	64	WSW	2	0	6	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Ilegaspi	"	29.81	757.2	86	68	NNE	2	0	6	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Calbayog	"	29.81	757.2	82	81	...	0	0	6	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...		
Tacloban	"	29.79	756.6	84	77	SE	2	0	6	"	29.87	758.7	75	98	NE	4	0	...	...		
Iloilo	"	29.78	756.3	84	71	NE	6	0	6	"	29.87	758.7	76	98	NW	2	0	...	...		
Cebu	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	29.86	758.4	73	96	SW	1	0	...	...		
Surigao	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	29.85	758.2	76	...	E	2	0	...	...		
Sanpan	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Guam	12.22	29.76	756.0	...	...	NE	4	0	4.22	"	29.87	758.7	...	...	NE	2	0	...	...		
Yap	11.00	29.78	756.3	...	...	NE	2	0	5	"	29.84	757.9	...	...	NE	2	0	...	...		
Pelew	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	"	29.78	756.4	80	...	E	2	0	...	...		
Ponape	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	"	"	29.78	756.4	80	91	NE	2	0	...	...		
Labuan	14	29.81	757.2	88	69	NE	2	0	6	6	29.84	757.9	80	91	NE	2	0	...	...		

December 13d. 10h. 54m.—The anticyclone is situated over S. Manchuria and a shallow depression over S.W. China.

Moderate to light, variable winds over the China Sea with coastal fog.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 69.40 inches, against an average of 82.43 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 14.

- 1.—Formosa Channel
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamcocks
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

## HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 13

	Previous Day	On Date	On Date
	at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.
Barometer	29.88	29.96	29.85
Temperature	71	73	75
Humidity	86	88	78
Wind	...	...	...
Direction	E	E	SSE
Force	3	3	2
Weather	O	CM	OM
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature, 12: 71

Lowest open-air Temperature, 13: 69

B=Blue; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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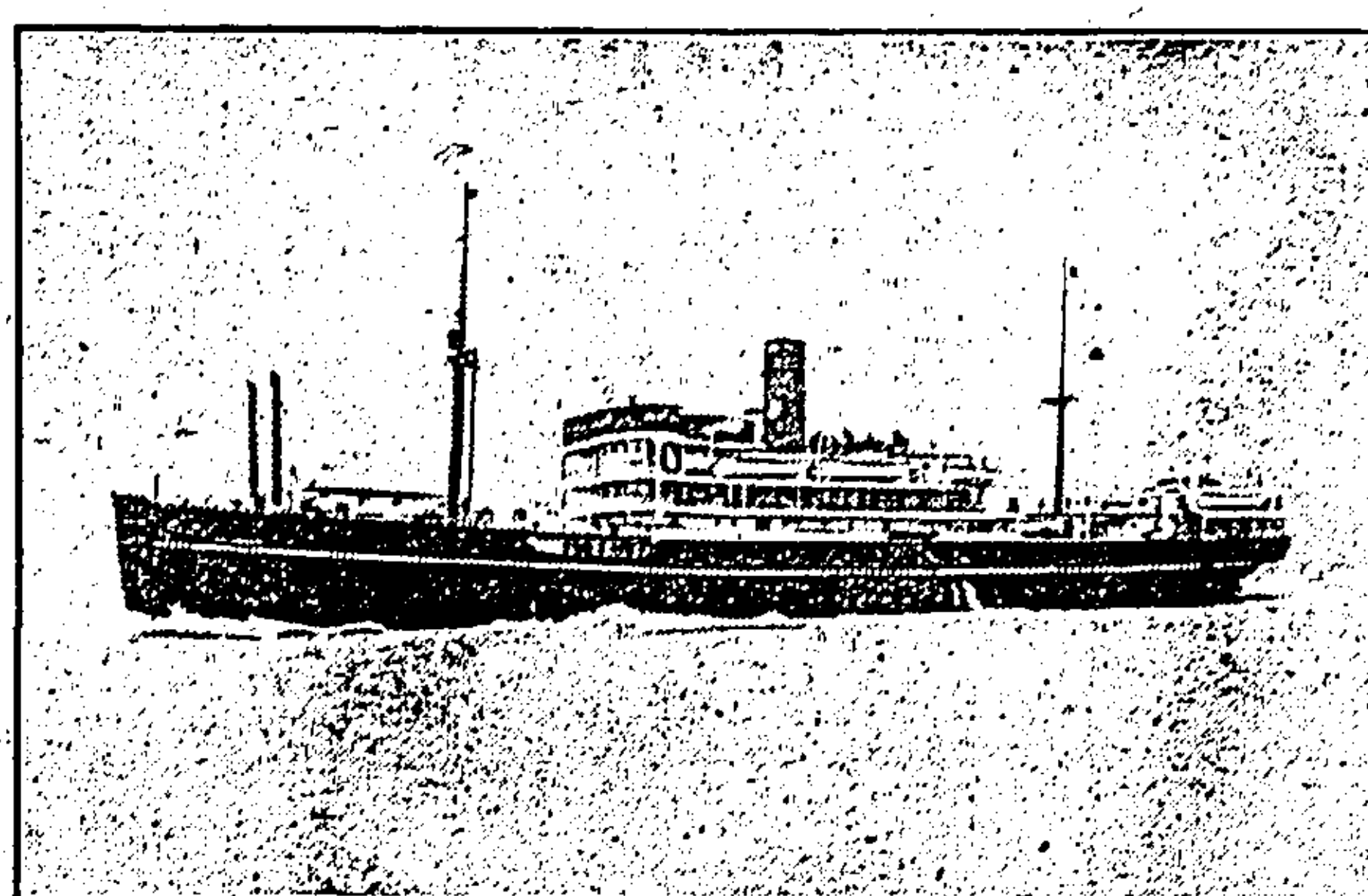
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OSAKA via MOJI & KOBE	"SUISANG"	Wed., 18th Dec., at 7 a.m.
OSAKA via AMOY, MOJI & KOBE	"KUMSANG" "HOSANG"	Wed., 1st Jan., at 7 a.m. Sun., 19th Jan., at 7 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA ...	"NAMSANG" "KUTSANG" "YUENSANG"	Thurs., 19th Dec., at 3 p.m. Satur., 23rd Dec., at 3 p.m. Mon., 6th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SANDAKAN ...	"MAUSANG" "HINSANG"	Fri., 27th Dec., at 3 p.m. Satur., 4th Jan., at Noon
TIENTSIN via FOOCHOW & WEI-HAI-WEI ...	"CHEEHSING" "CHEONGSEING"	Tues., 17th Dec., at 7 a.m. Sun., 22nd Dec., at 7 a.m.





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EMPRESS OF CANADA	Jan. 15	Jan. 18	Jan. 21	Jan. 23	Jan. 31
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Feb. 13	Feb. 15	Feb. 18	Feb. 20	Mar. 1
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Mar. 5	Mar. 8	Mar. 11	Mar. 13	Mar. 22
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Mar. 19	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	Mar. 27	Apr. 4
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Apr. 9	Apr. 12	Apr. 15	Apr. 17	Apr. 26
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	May 30
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	June 7	June 10	June 13	June 15	June 24
EMPRESS OF ASIA	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 3	July 12
EMPRESS OF CANADA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 25
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	July 23	July 26	July 29	Aug. 1	Aug. 9
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Aug. 7	Aug. 10	Aug. 13	Aug. 15	Aug. 22
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Aug. 20	Aug. 23	Aug. 26	Aug. 28	Sept. 6
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Sept. 17	Sept. 20	Sept. 23	Sept. 25	Sept. 19
EMPRESS OF ASIA	Oct. 2	Oct. 5	Oct. 8	Oct. 10	Oct. 17
EMPRESS OF CANADA	Oct. 15	Oct. 18	Oct. 21	Oct. 23	Oct. 30
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	Oct. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 5	Nov. 7	Nov. 14
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### YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 16,600 TONS;  
THROUGH CARGO 33,500 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the Harbour Office during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by vessels arriving in Hong Kong were as follows:—

British Cargo for Through Ports.  
Jeypore, London 2,040 2,770

Chengtu, Canton — 120

Kwongtung, Canton — 550

Emp. of Asia, Vancouver 700 1,050

Antenor, Liverpool 1,400 7,300

Oilrefiance, Balikpapan 8,140

Luchow, Shanghai 320 590

Bandoran, Middlesbro' 250 3,300

Takliwa, Osaka 800 2,840

French — 13,500 — 20,080

Tai Poo Sek, Fiu Bayard 500 —

Portuguese — 500 —

Nam Peng, Hoihow 170 —

Japanese — 170 —

Tsuruga Maru, Antwerp 900 7,550

Sydney Maru, Yokohama 400 2,550

Dafuku Maru, Wakamatsu 1,300 1,400

Paling Maru, Tientsin 200 1,710

Chinese — 2,160 — 13,510

Shin Hing, — 60 —

Total — 16,600 33,500

### ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were as follows:—

	Arr.	Dep.
British	9	7
French	1	0
Norwegian	1	2
Portuguese	1	0
Chinese	4	4
Japanese	1	2
German	0	1
American	0	3
Total	17	19

### ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought Asiatic deck passengers to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

	Emp. of Asia (Br.) Vancouver, Shanghai	Antenor (Br.) Liverpool, Singapore	Luchow (Br.) Shanghai, Takliwa (Br.) Osaka, Amoy	Tai Poo Sek (French) Port Bayard
	738	10	906	233
Total	1,905			

### ARRIVALS.

December 12.

Nam Peng, Portuguese str., 573 tons, Capt. J. M. A. Pessanha, from Pakhoi, buoy No. C44.—Shun On & Co.

Takliwa Maru, Japanese str., 1,900 tons, Capt. C. Kawamura, from Wakamatsu, buoy No. C54.—M.B.K.

December 13.

Atlas Maru, Japanese str., 4,511 tons, Capt. S. Takeya, from Yokohama, Wanchai.—O.S.K.

Bellingham, American str., 3,720 tons, Capt. W. R. Brust, from Manila, buoy No. A5.—States S.S. Co.

Chengtu, British str., 1,338 tons, Capt. J. D. Whyte, from Canton, buoy No. C15.—B. & S.

Hakone Maru, Japanese str., 6,306 tons, Capt. Y. Okuno, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—N.Y.K.

Haldis, British str., 1,144 tons, Capt. C. Boyce, from Saigon, buoy No. C41.—Wo Fat Sing.

Hermod, Norwegian str., 840 tons, Capt. C. H. Andersen, from Canton, Yau-nati.—Thoresen & Co.

Hong Kheng, British str., 3,975 tons, Capt. J. H. Gregory, from Singapore, buoy No. A26.—Ho Thong & Co.

Jeypore, British str., 3,809 tons, Capt. W. L. Hanis, from Singapore, buoy No. A29.—M. M. & Co.

Saarland, German str., 4,076 tons, Capt. Heller, from Shanghai, buoy No. A4.—Jensen & Co.

Seochow, British str., 1,534 tons, Capt. J. Layton, from Canton, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Triestine, British str., 2,872 tons, Capt. T. H. Stanburg, from Singapore, buoy No. A31.—M. & Co.

Tsuruga Maru, Japanese str., 4,284 tons, Capt. A. Yamashita, from Singapore, buoy No. A30.—N.Y.K.

### CLEARANCES

December 13.

Andes Maru, for Singapore.

Atlas Maru, for Takliwa.

Bellingham, for San Francisco.

Chengtu, for Hoihow.

Chungking, for Tientsin.

Hakone Maru, for Singapore.

Hermod, for Port Swatow.

Hong Kheng, for Swatow.

Jeypore, for Shanghai.

Luchow, for Canton.

Saarland, for Cebu.

Tai Poo Sek, for K. C. Wan.

Takliwa, for Singapore.

Tuen, for Kobe.

Triestine Maru, for Moji.

Tsuruga Maru, for Shanghai.

Vendri Maru, for Canton.

### SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following ships were in harbour yesterday:—

Wharves—Kowloon: Takliwa; Holt's: Antenor, Changte; A.P.C.: North Point: Oilrefiance; Soceny: Laichikok: Standard Arrow; China Merchants: Tai Poo Sek; O.S.K.: Hoan Maru; Douglas Lapraik: Haiching.

Docks—Kowloon: Venezia Kut-sang, Hang Sang, Chik Sang, Kong Ning, Tai Lee, Ping Ching; Takliwa: Tai Shan, Kwongang, Sin Kiang, Kiangsu, Seung Bee; Cosmopolitan: Argonauta.

(Continued on next column.)

### THE COASTAL SERVICE.

CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Captain J. Pringle, from Home leave, has gone master, "Ichang."

Captain J. H. Hodgkiss, of the "Ichang," has gone master, "Wantung."

Captain J. L. Gamble, of the "Wantung," is on reserve.

Captain R. F. Mitchell, of the "Fatshan," is on reserve.

Captain C. P. Miller, of the "Kwelyang," has gone master, "Fatshan."

Captain R. Robertson, from reserve, has gone master, "Taiyuan."

Captain J. Beck, of the "Wenchow," has gone master, "Foyang."

Captain R. Umpleby, from Home leave, has gone master, "Wenchow."

Captain J. W. Tinson, of the "Foyang," has gone master, "Sinking."

Mr. R. H. Larnmouth has been appointed second officer, "Ichang."

Mr. S. de Candia, second officer, "Ichang," is on reserve.

Mr. P. Bolan, chief officer, "Chenan," is on Home leave.

Mr. G. Wright, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, "Szechuen."

Mr. R. F. Young, second engineer officer, "Szechuen," is on reserve.

Mr. A. Baggett, second engineer officer, "Chusan," is on reserve.

Mr. J. B. Keny, third engineer officer, "Chusan," has gone second engineer officer, "Chusan."

Mr. D. H. Davidson, from reserve, has gone third engineer officer, "Hupei."

Mr. W. W. Brown, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer officer, "Teau."

Mr. H. C. McKenna, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, "Yunnan."

Mr. R. Baillie, second engineer officer, "Yunnan," has gone second engineer officer, "Foyang."

Mr. E. V. de Malmarche, second officer, "Waishing," is on reserve.

Mr. L. W. Harrison, third officer, "Mausing," has gone second officer, "Waishing."

Mr. W. le Brun has been appointed third officer, "Mausing."

Mr. L. G. Merry, from reserve, has gone extra second officer, "Loongwo."

Mr. D. Anderson, chief engineer officer, "Suwo," is on reserve.

Mr. J. M. McLeod, second engineer officer, "Suwo," has gone acting chief engineer officer, same ship.

Mr. E. J. Grainger, third engineer officer, "Kungwo," has gone third engineer officer, "Suwo."

Mr. C. A. Kingswood has been appointed third engineer officer, "Kungwo."

Captain G. Wilson, of the "Hakwang," has gone master, "Ah-kwang."

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"ALFPORE"	5,973	19th Dec.	Malta, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & Straits, Colombo & B'bay. (A'warp Marseilles and London.)
"MALWA"	10,580	21st Dec.	Malta, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & Straits, Colombo & B'bay. (A'warp Marseilles and London.)
"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Dec.	Malta, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & Straits, Colombo & B'bay. (A'warp Marseilles and London.)
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	4th Jan.	B'bay, Malta, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & Straits, Colombo & B'bay. (A'warp Marseilles and London.)
"LAHORE"	5,304	11th Jan. [Mars.]	L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp Marseilles and London.
"KEIVA"	9,135	18th Jan.	Mars, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & Straits, Colombo & B'bay.
"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	22nd Jan.	L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp Marseilles and London.
"JEYPORE"	5,918	28th Jan. [Mars.]	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	1st Feb.	Mars, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp Marseilles and London.
"KARNATA"	9,135	15th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	1st Mar.	L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,955	8th Mar. [Mars.]	Mars, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	15th Mar.	Mars, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp Marseilles and London.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	29th Mar.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,940	12th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	26th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th May	Mars, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp Marseilles and London.
"MANTUA"	10,946	24th May [Mars.]	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	31st May [Mars.]	Mars, L'don, Hull, H'bg, B'dm, & A'warp Marseilles and London.
"KEIVA"	9,135	7th Jun.	Marseilles and London.

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## INWARD MAILS.

FROM	PER	DATE
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 15th Nov.)	Pres. Van Buren	14th Dec.
HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Shantung	14th Dec.
SHANGHAI & SWATOW	Muroran Maru	14th Dec.
JAPAN	Tsugaru	15th Dec.
AMOT	Pres. Lincoln	15th Dec.
MANILA		
EUROPE via NAGASAKI (Papers only)		
London, 14th Nov.	Suiyang	15th Dec.
STRAITS	Bingo Maru	15th Dec.
SHANGHAI & AMOT	Lunan	16th Dec.
MANILA	Empress of Asia	16th Dec.
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 10th Nov.)	Taiyo Maru	16th Dec.
HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI		
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 22nd Nov.)	Pres. Cleveland	16th Dec.
HONOLULU, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Bremen	16th Dec.
RAIDUL	Ats Maru	19th Dec.
AUSTRALIA & MANILA		
U.S.A. (Seattle, 30th Nov.)	Pres. Madison	20th Dec.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Mutaka	20th Dec.
JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Manila Maru	23rd Dec.
CANADA (Victoria B.C., 7th Dec.)	Emp. of Canada	23rd Dec.
U.S.A. (Honolulu, Japan & SHANGHAI)		
U.S.A. (San Francisco, 29th Nov.)	Pres. Garfield	25th Dec.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

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FOR	PER	DATE & TIME
Rangoon via Straits	Taklita	Saturday, 14th, 8.30 A.M.
Hohow, Pakhoi & Haiphong & Wuchow via Pakhoi	Chengtu	8.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Mauritius—due Marseilles, 12th January 1930	Hakone Maru	Reg. 8.45 A.M.
Japan & Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C., 5th Jan. 1930, and "EUROPE via Siberia"	Twicer	Reg. 9.45 A.M.
Bangkok	Haifong	10.30 A.M.
Saigon	Proper	3.30 P.M.
Manila	Pres. Van Buren	5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Anking	5.00 P.M.
Hohow, Pakhoi & Haiphong & Wuchow via Pakhoi	Lanchow	Sunday, 15th, 8.30 A.M.
Amoy	Luchow	8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou	Hunan Maru	9.00 A.M.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kingyuan	9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Yokohama Maru	Monday, 16th, 8.30 A.M.
Swatow	Hydrangea	8.30 A.M.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. & S. America & "EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 30th Jan. 1930	Pres. Lincoln	Reg. 8.45 A.M.
Shanghai & "EUROPE via Siberia"	Pres. Lincoln	Reg. 8.45 A.M.
Fuzhou & Wei Hai Wei	Chap Shing	Reg. 8.45 A.M.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 23rd Dec.	Orange	Reg. 10.30 A.M.
Manila & Java via Soerabaya	Tsugaru	Tuesday, 17th, 10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy & Fuzhou	Haifong	10.30 A.M.
Saigon, "Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 17th Jan. 1930	Athos II	Reg. 1.45 P.M.

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## HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorized Capital .....\$30,000,000  
Issued & Fully Paid-up.....\$30,000,000  
Reserve Funds:—  
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Reserve Liability of Proprietors .....\$30,000,000

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in LOCAL CURRENCY and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods in LOCAL CURRENCY and STERLING on terms which will be quoted on application.  
Hong Kong, 27th Nov., 1929. [28]

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For the HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,  
A. C. HYNES,  
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Hong Kong, 13th Sept., 1927. [3]

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P. M. ELBERG,  
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Hong Kong, 27th May, 1929. [34]

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CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.

A. H. FERGUSON,  
Manager.

Hong Kong, 9th Jan., 1929. [30]

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A. ROLLIN,  
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C. L. C. SANDES, Manager

7, Queen's Road Central.

Hong Kong, 1st Oct., 1929. [29]

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SHOU J. CHEN,  
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Hong Kong, 29th June, 1927. [28]



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A. LECOT,  
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Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1929. [22]

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Interest allowed on Current Accounts.

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H. MORI, Manager.

Hong Kong, Sept. 11, 1929. [25]

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AUTHORIZED CAPITAL .....\$10,000,000

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mand ..... 112 1/2

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mand ..... 112 1/2

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